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Civic Offices Officially Opened by The Hon. A. A. Calwell, M.P.

It was a hushed and dignified atmosphere surrounding the first commemorative meeting of the Altona Shire Council in their new council chamber. After attending meetings in the old "Homestead" and lately in the derelict Citizens' Clubrooms this new setting adds much to the dignity of the occasion and the Shire President, Cr. G. den Dulk, should have no trouble in upholding the decorum of council meetings.

The roof of the chamber follows the line of the outside dome, and from the lofty centre is suspended a very modern lighting arrangement. The carpet is blue with the council emblem woven in at regular intervals.

The ceiling has a rough textured finish and certain sections of the walls are lined with very narrow vertical boards. The podium and councillors tables are in black bean. Their very comfortable chairs are covered in yellow leather — hence capturing the colours of the fire blue carpet and yellow chairs.

Chairs for the gallery are of a very modern style in dark stained timber. These are placed in tiers to enable all visitors seated in the gallery have a clear view of proceedings when attending the council meetings.

Residents may attend any of these meetings, the next being January 28, 1964.

Plans we have for the shire will take another five years to fully develop, Cr. G. den Dulk, Shire President, told residents attending the opening of the Shire offices.

He said it is a difficult task to start a municipality but he felt something had been achieved for the community in recent years. However, the problems associated with unmade roads, the foreshore, sewerage, the ramp and railways should be overcome within the next five years but when these are finished he said many problems will probably arise. Mistakes have been made and corrected.

He said over a period of years what was once considered not so vital is vital now.

For instance in the past Infant Welfare and Youth centres were not given much consideration but today they play an enormous part in amenities provided by the shire. Altona Shire has spent £114,000 on Infant Welfare Centres, Kindergartens, Youth Halls, Life Savers Hall, Elderly Citizens' Clubrooms, Yacht Club and other buildings in the Shire.

Cr. den Dulk is proud of the development of the Shire, many new industries being established over the last six years and he hopes many others will follow.

The Hon. Arthur A. Calwell said he considered it a great honour to officially open the Altona Civic Offices last Saturday. He said it was with great humility and pride he declared the offices open and he wished all residents good fortune and good luck. This was a great day for Altona and the opening of a new era.

Mr. Calwell said it was a great distinction for Cr. G. den Dulk who in so identifying himself with the life of this country since migrating here 15 years ago has become, as Shire President, first citizen of the Shire of Altona. He considered this a tribute to Cr. den Dulk's own intrinsic worth.

He said whatever we have in Australia was made primarily by migrants—we are all descended from migrants—he himself is the grandson of an immigrant from America. He also pointed out that Altona has many residents who have migrated to this country in recent years and they will help make it important. He stated half the population of Australia is under 30 years of age and the country belongs to the children who will have opportunities such as are available in Altona.

He continued it was nearly 40 years ago when he first came down to the "Never Never," or "Back of Beyond" and he did not know of Altona's rapid growth during the past 10 years during which industry worth £50 million has been established in the Shire.

He considered the growth of the Shire over the last six years phenomenal and paid tribute to "One of the best Shire Secretaries in Australia—Mr. J. W. Waters, Altona Shire Secretary."

With a population of 20,000 Altona could become a city anyday but Mr. Calwell

advised against it—a Shire gets more Government grants than a city.

At the council meeting on Tuesday night Cr. den Dulk expressed his gratitude to the people who helped with the celebrations.

The RAAF for their co-operation, the Corps of Commissionaires who were in attendance on Saturday and Monday, St. John Ambulance Brigade for being on duty both days, boy scouts for their aid, the co-operation from the caterers.

Fellow councillors for their aid, the Shire Secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, who organised the smooth running of the day, the Parks and Gardens Committee, the Civic Offices Committee and the staff, especially those who remained on duty for the functions.



Pictured above is the Hon. Arthur A. Calwell, M.P., as he officially opens the Civic Offices. In the photo (from left to right) are Mrs. J. W. Waters, Mrs. G. den Dulk, Mr. Calwell, Cr. G. den Dulk, Shire President, and Mr. J. W. Waters, Shire Secretary. (Photo by Roper's Studios.)



The above photograph was taken before the commencement of the luncheon which preceded the official opening of the Civic Offices on Saturday, December 7, 1963. Left to right: The Hon. R. T. Pollard, M.P., Ex-Councillor G. H. Ransom, the first Shire President, and Mrs. Pitcher who assisted Cr. Ransom on social functions during his term of office, The Hon. Arthur A. Calwell, M.P., is being congratulated by the Shire President, Cr. G. den Dulk, Mrs. Cresser is in between, Mrs. den Dulk, Cr. W. G. Cresser, J.P., who with Cr. R. J. Cooper, are the remaining two original councillors on the council. Mrs. Cooper is in between. (Photo by Barry Sutton—65-6017.)

DEATH OF TRAFFIC OFFICER

After the completion of the successful first dance in the new Civic Hall a few minutes after 1 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, December 10, the council's traffic officer, Mr. Norman Taugge collapsed and died.

Mr. Taugge had attended to traffic duties earlier in the night and later on had assisted in hall keeper duties and was in the course of locking up the building when he collapsed into the arms of the Shire Secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters. Mrs. W. J. Smith and her daughter, Miss J. Smith, administered first aid, Miss Smith applied mouth to mouth resuscitation whilst Mr. Hank Kip obtained the Life Savers' Oxygen Machine. Meantime Dr. Z. Atlas arrived and with other helpers attempted artificial respiration for 30 minutes or so without success.

Mr. Norman Taugge had been the congenial and co-operative traffic officer of the council for the past two years. He came to Altona in 1957 with his family and became a council employee in July, 1961.

He leaves a widow and two sons, Norman and Richard. The funeral took place at 1.30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Western Suburbs Memorial Park where the service was conducted by Mr. John Baillie, Student Minister of the Presbyterian Church. At the commencement of

the council meeting in the new chamber on Tuesday night, Cr. G. den Dulk, Shire President, referred to the tragic death of Mr. Taugge which had occurred at the end of the successful opening celebrations for the buildings. Cr. den Dulk expressed the condolence of the council and officers to Mrs. Taugge and family in this tragic loss.

Residents who travel that bone-shaking section of the road leading to life old bridge and who have waited so patiently to be able to use the new bridge which has been sitting there tormenting them for months will no doubt be overjoyed.

It should also be a relief to the Shire Engineer who has had to have men continuously working on the old stretch of road to keep it in some way looking like a road even if it did not feel like it when driving over it.

As the Shire Engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons, was only one day out in this opening date we also hope he is only this far out in his estimate of the bridge being open for traffic travelling in both directions before Christmas.

The last date we gave for the opening of the Millers Road bridge was December 10. It was one day out. The bridge opened for south bound traffic on Wednesday, December 11.

Work has still to be done to the approaches, particularly the northern end which as yet is not wide enough to take traffic travelling in both directions.

CHARTER BUSES FOR HOSTEL CHILDREN

Parents of school children living at the Altona Migrant Hostel have successfully fought a campaign for a better bus service for their children. Last week they boycotted the buses which have been transporting the children to schools in Williamstown and used a fleet of private cars to carry them.

As a result they have now been able to arrange a service which parents consider will be more satisfactory and which will relieve them of the worry over safety of their children while travelling.

They have chartered two buses which will carry all the children except those travelling to Seanolme School. The

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

On Friday night Cr. G. den Dulk will be conducting his first naturalization ceremony since becoming Shire President.

It will be also the first ceremony in the Civic Hall. There will be 46 candidates and Cr. den Dulk invites friends of the candidates and the public generally to witness the ceremony.

ANY BUDDING SHIRE SECRETARIES?

Attention of leaving certificate lads is directed to the advertisement in this issue for two L.C. lads to become trainee administrative officers at the Shire Office.

Mr. Calwell's laudatory comments at the opening ceremony should spur young men to enter the municipal profession to become municipal clerks.

In a Shire he is called a Shire Secretary and in a City the Town Clerk. Any qualified municipal clerk may be appointed to any council including the City of Melbourne.

EDITORIAL

A Happy or Merry Christmas

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The maker of this phrase was anxious not to repeat the same word. Therefore, he chose "merry" as an alternate to "happy."

The choice was not a felicitous one. There is a wide difference between the meanings of the two words.

Merry is defined as "mirthful, joyous, a little tipsy." At the best the emphasis is thus placed on the superficial aspect of Christmas—there are other important factors—mutual family love and well being and Christian belief. At the worst we all do not have "a terrible taste for tippling."


Happy is harder to define.

There is something in the thought that it is "contentedness allied with pleasure." It is a state of mind. It may of course find one of its outlets in merriment. We hope so for "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine." But of course happiness has a far deeper significance. Happiness is the utmost we can achieve for ourselves or wish for any person.

There is a word which was often on the lips of Christ—blessed. This could be interpreted as happy or made happy. The happiness which comes through the divine blessing. This is the true happiness and what is inferred in what could be a suitable greeting—"May you be happy at Christmas and may the new year bring you into continued happiness."

We are afraid however that for the sake of brevity and because of custom we will still continue to say—

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Plans For Surf Street Go Ahead

Second Schedule notices for the construction of Surf Street, Altona, are to be served on ratepayers whose properties abut the street.

After the serving of the First Schedules the ratepayers had objected to the scheme and council decided to close this small access street. But this decision was reversed when residents of Queen Street and The Esplanade put forward their views on the closing of the street.

In answer to a question by Cr. V. Hearn, the Shire Engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons, said the cost to the ratepayers for full construction of the street would be £3/8/- per foot which is quite a cheap scheme.

Council then agreed to go ahead with construction of the street and the Second Schedule notices will be served on ratepayers concerned.

To avoid a hold up in commencing the construction of planned private street schemes the Altona Shire Council arranged two special meetings prior to Christmas.

These will enable First Schedule notices to be sent to residents and returned before the holiday period.

Otherwise it would be March of next year before the council could spend money available for the streets.

ALTONA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH NIGHT

"Everyone has intelligence, all that is necessary is to use it and work," said Miss Mary Meyer of the Psychology and Guidance Branch of the Education Department.

Miss Myer was speaking at the Altona High School speech night which was held in the Williams town Town Hall last Tuesday night. She was speaking on the importance of qualifications in the modern world—qualifications which are as necessary for girls as they are for boys.

In his report Mr. W. J. Storey, head master, pointed out how fortunate for students that the school has been granted permission to continue to matriculation level next year. He said the school has adequate accommodation for some years and the co-operation of the staff had been excellent throughout the year.

Enjoyed by all was the singing of the choir under the direction of Mr. E. Marsaus. Presented for the first time was the new school song, "Am High," composed by Mr. Marsaus with words by M. S. Tregear, a teacher at the school. A solo by soprano Christine Styles of Ford 1D was very good, the audience calling for an encore.

Scholastic awards presented by Miss Meyer were—

DUX OF SCHOOL—1st: Garry Briscoe; 2nd: Ken Ross.

FORM 4A: Coral MacDonald; 4B: Agnes Klisenko; 4C: Stephanie Maciw.

FORM 3A: Lucienne Thompson; 3B: Maurice Roberts; 3C: Pamela Smith.

FORM 2A: John Storey; 2B: Margaret McKinney; 2C: Raymond Jensen.

FORM 1A: Robyn Deegan; 1B: Karen Betins; 1C: Victor Pateras; 1D: Anne Smedley.

Honour Certificates were presented to students who qualified in Forms 1, 2 and 3.

Noteworthy among the winners of certificates were—

Karen Betins of Form 1 with honours (each subject over 85 marks) in 10 subjects.

Nadia Susani and Victor Pateras of Form 1 with nine honours.

Ray Jensen and Ella Pomorin of Form 2 received nine honours each.

Erika Petzold, Marion Murray and Martin Crump of Form 2 each received eight honours.

Honours in seven subjects for Form 3 went to Maurice Roberts, Clive Dutton, Lucienne Thompson and Villi Grdovitch.

POLIO CASE

A 14-months-old child from Altona has been admitted to Fairfield Hospital with severe paralytic polio. The child had not been vaccinated.

This, with eight other cases which have occurred since July, indicates that the Poliovirus Type 1 is circulating in various outlying suburbs. It emphasises the need for parents to maintain the Salk Vaccination of their children.

Church Notices

ST. MARY'S

Railway Street, Altona.
Masses.
Sundays: 7.30, 9, and 10.30 a.m.
Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m., and 6 p.m.
First Fridays: 7 a.m., and 5 p.m.
Week Days: 7 a.m.
Saturdays: 8 a.m.
Confessions.
Saturdays: 10 a.m., and 7 p.m.
Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.
Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.
First Friday (Maltese): 4.5.30 p.m.
Y.C.W. (Boys).
Parish Hall every Monday at 7.45 p.m.
Y.C.W. (Girls).
Parish Hall every second Tuesday at 7.45 p.m.
Rev. Father J. Noonan, P.P.
St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Phone. 65-8964.
St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Phone. 65-8886.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sargood Street, Altona.
Cordially welcomes you to all meetings.
Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.
9.45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.
2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.
Monday.
7 p.m.: Girls Life Brigade.
8 p.m.: Ladies Evening Fellowship, second and fourth Mondays.
Tuesday.
2 p.m.: Ladies Guild. Alternate Tuesdays.
4 p.m.: Young Peoples Christian Endeavour.
Wednesday.
6.45 p.m.: Life Boys.
8 p.m.: Mid-Week Prayer Service.
Friday.
7.30 p.m.: Boys Brigade.
Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds. 62 Blyth Street, Altona. Phone 65-8829.

BROOKLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9 PARINGA ROAD, ALTONA NORTH.
Friday:
Sunday:
9.45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11 a.m.: Service of Worship
You are welcome at "The Friendly Church."
Home Missionary—Mr. David Murray, The Manse, 11 Paringa Road, Altona North.

ALTONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

241 CIVIC PDE., ALTONA.
Sunday Services:
9.30 a.m.: Worship.
10 a.m.: Sunday School (members of the Sunday School join in Worship from 9.30-10 a.m.).
Session Meetings:
7.30 p.m.: Fourth Wednesday of the month.
Board of Management:
7.30 p.m.: First Wednesday of the month.
Sunday School Staff Meeting:
7.30 p.m.: Last Thursday of the month.
Ladies' Guild:
7.45 p.m.: First and third Tuesday of the month.
Youth Fellowship (P.F.A.):
7.30 p.m.: First and Third Friday of the month.
Sacrament of Baptism, on Sunday, December 15, at 9.30 a.m. Parents wishing to present children for Baptism, please contact the Minister.
Session Clerk: Mr. W. L. J. Crofts; Secretary: Mr. J. W. Waters; Treasurer: Mrs. L. Noordenne.
MINISTER—Mr. John Baillie, The Manse, 9 Lindwood Ave., Altona. Phone: 398-1591.

LAVERTON METHODIST CHURCH

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton.)
Sunday School: 3.15 p.m.

ALTONA NORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North.
Sunday:
9.45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11 a.m.: Church.

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAVERTON

Goble Street.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Parish Eucharist.
First Sunday in each month: Family Service.
The Sunday School meets at the church at 9.30 a.m. every Sunday, except the first in the month, when children join their parents at the church at 11 a.m.
Holy Baptism: 11 a.m. every second month.
G.F.S.: Monday evening Juniors 5.30 p.m.; Seniors p.m.
Vicar—Rev. Dargaville, Thomas' Church, Werribee.

ST. EANSWYTHE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Queen Street, Altona.
Sunday Services.
8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m.: Junior Sunday School (3rd Grade and under).
11 a.m.: Junior Church (Matsins), and Senior Sunday School (4th Grade and over).
7 p.m.: Evensong.
Mid-Week.
Wednesday, 10.30 a.m.: Holy Communion.
Friday, 6.30 a.m.: Holy Communion.
Girls' Friendly Society.
Each Thursday night from 6.30 to 8 p.m.
Y.M.D.M.U. (Young Wives).
Second Tuesday in the month at 8 p.m.
Ladies' Guild.
First Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m. AND Third Tuesday in the month at 1 p.m.
Church of England Men's Society.
Third Friday in the month at 8 p.m.
Choir Practice.
Weekly—on Mondays at p.m.
Junior Anglicans.
Second Saturday in the month at 7.30 p.m.
Church of England Boys' Society.
Each Friday night at 7 p.m.
Youth Fellowship:
Every second Sunday after Evensong.

QUEEN OF PEACE

Laverton.
Masses.
Sundays: 7.30 and 9 a.m.
Holy Days: 8 a.m., and p.m.
First Fridays: 6.30 p.m.
Week Days: Thursdays, a.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.
Confessions.
Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.
Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, ALTONA NORTH

St. Luke's Church of England, Altona North, is present in the Brooklyn Wesleyan Primary School, corner Blackshaws Road and Mitten Avenue.
11 a.m.: Holy Communion and Sunday School.

SALVATION ARMY

Queen Street, and Civic Parade, Altona.
Sunday Services.
Holiness Meeting: 11 a.m. Civic Parade.
Young People: 9.30 a.m. Queen Street, and Civic Parade, and on Thursday 2 p.m. at Queen Street.
Ladies' Home League meets on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Civic Parade, and on Thursday 2 p.m. at Queen Street.
Wednesday:
4 p.m.: Young People's Legion, Civic Parade.
Commanding Officer—Lieutenant B. A. Lynn. Phone: 65-814.

METHODIST CHURCH

Seves Street, Altona.
Sunday.
Sunday School: 9.45 a.m. 11 a.m.: Service.
7 p.m.: Service.
Monday:
4 p.m.: Junior Rays.
7 p.m.: Senior Rays (to girls 12-15 years).
Tuesday.
Every second Tuesday the Ladies' Guild meets at 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday:
8 p.m.: Methodist Youth Fellowship (mixed club for 15 years and over).
Thursday:
7 p.m. Choir.





The Social Whirl

If you have any news of a birthday, engagement, wedding, or social event, it can be included in these pages. Phone 65-8880—there is no charge.

21st. BIRTHDAY

To celebrate the coming of age of John Bryce, 225. Hatherly Road, Altona North, friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Burton, at 4 Clair Street, Albion, on Saturday, December 7.

A most enjoyable evening was spent with all gathered around a tastefully decorated table for supper. The cake to resemble a cushion, covered in blue forget-me-nots, a red rose and a key took pride of place on top. John was called to cut the cake and being presented with a key, responded and presented all present for their gifts.

Mrs. Burton, a close friend of John's, proved a very efficient MC.

STARS OF TOMORROW

Stars of Tomorrow well describes the 128 pupils of the Williamstown Town School of Dancing who took part in the of the year concert at the Williamstown Town

This year 26 of the ever-popular Tiny Tots sang in pink and green sang "When I Grow Up" (at least 25 of them did).

Junior ballerina Janet Keane danced a delightful pas-de-deux.

One of the show was by Garry Keane when he danced "My Gypsy Dream" amid the very colourful gypsy sequence during which Lennie Dunne played piano accompaniment.

Other soloists included Mr. Smith, who danced a neat solo tap, Leonie Keane dancing with a skipping rope, Bridger dancing a and Vera Thompson, and twinkling feet when pranced while on her toes.

One item was the Can. which was a terrific hit when the girls off their garters and them into the audi-

At the end of the show a for selling most tickets given to Little's Julie and Backhouse, best at dance went to 6-year-old Dunne, Janet Keane and Marilyn Friend. The Oldfield was presented with a cup for obtaining the best primary grade in the examination.

PHIES PRESENTED TO LAVERTON MARCHING GIRLS

the Hawaiian Night, organised by the social for the Laverton

Marching Girls was a success. Miss Margaret Allen, of the team, arranged a scene around which midgets and juniors were to sing carols.

Atkins of the senior and Mary Hyland of midgets were presented trophies donated by Cook.

Robertson was presented with the Clarke social club trophy was by midget Carolyn

away midget team won perpetual trophy.

weight guessing competition for the Christmas which the association been conducting was by Mrs. Chris Sard, 21 Esmerworth Street, Laverton. Her guess of 14 lb. 4 oz. only a 1 oz. over the weight

COST OF A SCHOOL LIBRARY

Mr. Treyvaud stated that with the help of local industry and business, £175 has been added to the library in 1963.

The total of the books now available was about £1000. Even so, the further need was still great. Three or four times this amount could be spent with advantage and was needed to make a fully efficient library.

ENGAGEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. N. Cooper, of 4 Hancock Street, Altona, happily announce the engagement of their second daughter, Nola, to Douglas Simmons, of 11 Walker Court, Braybrook.

ENGAGEMENT
HERBERT - LAWLEY
Mr. and Mrs. R. Lawley, of 5 Wattle Grove, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only son Ken, to Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs. A. Herbert, 2 Sussex Street, Seaholme.

COMING OF AGE PARTY
The 21st birthday party of Graham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Black, of Blyth Street, Altona, was celebrated at the Central Hotel last Friday night.

A good night was enjoyed by his relatives and friends who joined with him to make this an occasion to remember.

The key which was presented to him was the same one which had been presented to his mother by her parents

SUCCESSFUL STREET STALL
Altona High School Mothers' Club were pleased with the £20 raised at the street stall conducted in Pier St. last Friday. Winner of the Competition was V. Timms, who held ticket No. E85.

POPULAR TEACHER FAREWELLED
In his remarks at the scholarship presentation Mr. Treyvaud made reference to the retirement of Mrs. Ashworth, a teacher at the school for a number of years.

Following afternoon tea Mrs. Cronin, president of the Mothers' Club presented her on their behalf with a sheaf of flowers.

ALL PARENTS ARE AGAIN WARNED TO BE EVER ALERT FOR SNAKES. The most recent catch was a 4 ft. TIGER SNAKE at 12 Cain Court, Altona. This is one of the houses in the Noordenne Estate.

CHRISTMAS REVUE

Marlene O'Connell literally brought the house down with her singing of "Tropical Heat Wave" and "O Johnny" at Miss Alice Uren's Christmas Revue presented last Friday in the Methodist Hall.

Blond 9-year-old Marlene, dressed in her clinging gown of silver lame with tulle frothing out from the knees and her large picture hat could give many an adult performer a lesson in the art of presenting this type of song.

Another performer who caught our eye was personality girl, Christine Styles. Besides shining in her solo item she stood out in each dance in which she took part.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the concert and Miss Uren presented the proceeds to the Elderly Citizens' Building Appeal.

ENGAGEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Noone have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Robyn Joy, to Donald Murray, second son of Mr. and Mrs. L. McKenzie, of Geelong.

PRESENTATION DANCE
The Shire President, Cr. G. den Dulk, will present the trophies at the Altona and District Darts League Presentation Dance in St. Mary's Hall, Sargood Street, Altona, this Saturday night, December 14.

Dancing will be from 8 to 11.30 p.m. and the public are most welcome. Tickets which are £1 per head (all inclusive) will be available at the door.

LECTURE
A lecture demonstration on reading efficiency given by Mr. David Graham, head master of Point Cook School, was very much appreciated by members at a recent meeting of the Western Suburbs Schools Association.

ANNUAL MEETING
The first annual presentation night of the Altona North Youth Club will be held this Friday, November 13, in the hall in Marion Street, at 7 p.m. All people interested in learning of the activities of the Youth Club are invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY
St. Eanswythe's Sunday School will be holding a Christmas Party for the primary and the senior children on Saturday afternoon, December 14, commencing at 5 p.m.

There will be tea, games and entertainment, and a visit from Father Christmas. The kindergarten children had a very enjoyable party last Saturday.

On Sunday, December 15, there will be a special family end-of-the-year service. The highlight of this service will be an empty Christmas Tree, which the children will be asked to fill so as to help children who are suffering as a result of poverty, disease and lack of education in other parts of the world. The service, for all the Sunday School, will commence at 11 a.m.

CIVIC BALL
Guests attending the first Civic Ball last Saturday night could not help but enjoy themselves. The hall, although small, has an excellent floor, the music was easy to dance to and the supper all that could be desired.

It was a little too crowded but this was unavoidable and we look forward to the time when the proposed large hall is built—we hope in the not too distant future.

There is no doubt the wearing of long frocks by the women adds to the attractiveness of a function.

Mrs. G. den Dulk, the president's wife, wore a long blue frock, as did Mrs. W. Cresser. Mrs. J. Ginifer in her white chiffon frock with floating panels of blue chiffon was particularly attractive. Mrs. R. Cooper wore a beige coloured frock and looking very elegant, was the Shire Secretary's wife, Mrs. J. Waters, in a slim fitting frock in deep mauve tonings.

The Ball was a pleasing climax to a memorable day in the Shire.

HOLIDAY RESORTS

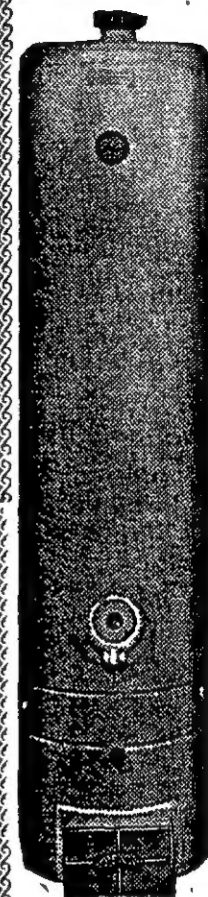
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Altona C. C. Still Unbeaten

Altona Cricket Club first XI scored a convincing win over Spotswood Imperials at the Grant Reserve last Saturday, winning outright by nine wickets. The second XI lost outright to Williamstown R.S.L. by an innings and 61 runs.

Jim Page was the star of the day, bowling very well to finish with 5 for 25. Eric Perussich and Joe Mildenhall provided strong support from the other end.

Next Saturday's match against Newport ANA will be an excellent guage to Altona's premiership prospects for this season as Altona are still on top of the ladder with Newport a very close second. With so much at stake a good game can be assured.

B TURF

Altona second XI continued on their disappointing way again with the resumption of the match against W'town R.S.L.

Once again Altona batsmen failed against steady bowling on a good wicket. Les Moore and Ray Lewer of RSL attacked the stumps all day and fully deserved their wickets.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

The A Turf play Newport ANA at High Street, Newport.

The B Turf play West Newport at Loft Reserve, Maddox Road, West Newport.

ALTONA V. SPOTSWOOD

SPOTSWOOD—1st Innings: 24

ALTONA—1st Innings: 4/93 (dec.)

SPOTSWOOD—2nd Innings:

R. GILES, c Duckett, b Mildenhall	25
G. VALENTINE, stumped Bloekerus	1
G. BUDGEN, lbw A. Perussich	0
N. PEEL, c E. Perussich, b Page	27
H. JOHNS, c Page, b E. Perussich	1
A. DEVONPORT, b Page	12
A. RAYNER, not out	3
A. GEE, c Duckett, b Page	2
J. REYNOLDS, b E. Perussich	6
G. YOUNG, c and b Page	0
K. Hutton, b Page	0
Extras	4

TOTAL 81

BOWLING: Page 5/26, E. Perussich 2/9, Mildenhall 1/9, Bloekerus 1/12, A. Perussich 1/18, Kirk 0/3.

ALTONA—2nd Innings:

R. DUCKETT, not out	5
B. HOGAN, stumped Young	7
J. BLOKEERUS, not out	1

ALTONA V. W'TOWN R.S.L.

R.S.L.—1st Innings: 7/157 (dec.)

ALTONA—1st Innings: 50

ALTONA—2nd Innings:

J. DUNCAN, lbw Moore	7
K. SIZELAND, c Lewer, b Moore	0
P. JONES, b Anthony	8
J. ROBERTSON, c Selvidge, b R. Lewer	2
A. STAFFORD, c Byers, b R. Lewer	5
G. CUMMIN, b R. Lewer	5
R. COOK, lbw Moore	2
R. HOGAN, lbw Moore	0
M. PIOVESAN, run out	9
W. NORMAN, not out	1
R. CONRADI, absent	—
Extras	2

TOTAL 44

BOWLING: Moore 4/24, R. Lewer 3/12, Anthony 1/6.

Both A.N.A. Sides Move Out of Four

Both Altona senior A.N.A. sides slipped out of their respective fours after dismal performances in last round matches. Only the Altona A.N.A. Under 16 team saved the club from a total whitewash, as the juniors won outright by eight wickets.

The A TURF resumed at 1 wicket for 12 runs and lost four wickets before they had wiped off their deficit of 47 runs.

Altona, with Norm Trickey (38) and Stuart Magee (31), batting well, reached a reasonable score of 127, which gave them a lead of 80 runs. Best bowler for the CYMS was Adam Hill, who took 5/45. CYMS lost a few quick wickets in their fight for the runs, but a well put together 37 by John Dey put the seal on Altona's doom and CYMS won by four wickets with only a few minutes left until stumps. Best bowler in CYMS's innings was Bill Douglas, who took 3/16, bowling lively medium pace.

B TURF

Spotswood Imps., resuming at 6 for 163, 25 runs ahead, lost two quick wickets, but Richie Glazena (34 not out) and

W'TOWN C.Y.M.S. V. A.N.A.

ALTONA A.N.A.—1st Innings: 43.

W'TOWN C.Y.M.S.—1st Inns.: 90.

ALTONA A.N.A.—2nd Innings:

I. ELDRIDGE, lbw Richards	11
G. MILDERN, c Hill	6
A. HUNT, c Harris	11
W. DOUGLAS, b Richards	0
R. GRAY, b Hill	1
N. TRICKEY, c Richards	38
T. GRAY, b Hill	1
S. MAGEE, c Harris	31
J. JOYCE, c Hill	6
A. BAILLIE, n.o.	2
I. ROBERTS, b Hill	1
Sundries	2

TOTAL 127

BOWLING: A. Hill 5/45, J. Kenny 0/17, R. Richards 2/35, N. Harris 3/27.

C.Y.M.S.—2nd Innings: 6/83.

(J. Dey 37)

BOWLING: T. Gray 1/22, A. Baillie 0/29, W. Douglas 3/16, N. Trickey 1/11.

YOUTH CENTRE V. A.N.A.

YOUTH CENTRE—1st Innings: 52

ALTONA A.N.A.—1st Innings: 105

YOUTH CENTRE—2nd Innings:

6/118 (dec.)

(B. Anderson 51, J. McVeigh 23)

ALTONA A.N.A.—2nd Inns.: 2/68

T. GURRIE, b McVeigh	1
L. HARTNEY, c, b Greenham	28
M. CALAZ, not out	26

Kerry Lee (32 not out), added 68 for the ninth wicket.

Spotswood finally declared at 8/248 leaving them 110 runs in front.

Tom Myers and Bill Houghton Sen. both ended up with three wickets each. Altona ANA batted very badly and at one stage were 6/29 and seemed headed for an outright defeat, but two reasonable partnerships put them out of danger and at stumps Altona were all out for 127 runs and Spotswood did not have the time to make the necessary runs for an outright win.

In Altona's innings Kevin Rohleder hit up a good 43 including two sixes. He was well supported by Tom Myers with 24. Best bowler

Altona ANA won outright after the captain of Youth Centre had declared and set them the reasonable task of scoring 66 runs in 50 minutes.

Asked to follow on Youth Centre declared after 90 minutes batting at 6/118. Top scorers were Bruce Anderson with 51 and Jim McWeigh with 23. Top bowler for Altona was Tony Walsh who took 3/19.

Altona had little trouble in making the needed runs with 15 minutes to spare they were 2/68.

Equal top scorers were Leon Hartney with 26 and Michael Calaz with 26 not out. Two bowlers each took a wicket for Youth Centre.

SPOTSWOOD V. A.N.A.

ALTONA A.N.A.—1st Innings:

9/139 (dec.)

SPOTSWOOD IMPs.—1st Innings:

8/248 (dec.)

(T. May 68, R. Purves 35, R. Glazena 34 n.o. K Lee 32 n.o.)

BOWLING: W. Houghton, snr. 3/53, T. Myers 3/54, F. McDonald 0/25, K. Rohleder 0/43, W. Houghton, jnr. 0/32, R. Houghton 0/14, K. Martin 2/13, A. Thompson 0/4.

ALTONA A.N.A.—2nd Innings:

P. GURRIE, lbw Maher	2
R. HOUGHTON, run out	0
T. MYERS, c, b Beckett	24
W. MARTIN, c, b Maher	7
A. THOMPSON, c, b Beckett	1
B. NICHOLSON, c, b Maher	0
W. HOUGHTON, snr., b Maher	0
K. ROHLER, b M. Lee	43
W. HOUGHTON, jnr. c, b M. Lee	12
F. McDONALD, n.o.	15
K. MARTIN, stp K. Lee	9
Sundries	14

TOTAL 127

BOWLING: L. Maher 4/21, M. Beckett 2/27, E. Peel 0/28, M. Lee 2/29, N. Boothey 0/5, K. Lee 1/5.

M. CRUMP, not out 5

Sundries 10

TOTAL 2 wickets for 68

BOWLING: J. McVeigh 1/25, J. Greenham 1/15, R. Jones 0/13, B. Anderson 0/5.

Century to John Comben

After attaining magnificent results as a bowler in the previous year against Werribee South, John Comben asserted his amazing all-round ability by becoming the first batsman this season in the Werribee Cricket Association to score a century.

At stumps on the first day of the match Werribee (2) versus I.O.R. the latter were 6 wickets for 234 and Comben had contributed an unconquered 100.

As confirmation of his talents as an all-rounder, Comben's century earned him his second shirt for the season as he had been previously awarded one for his effort in taking eight Werribee South wickets for 51 runs in the first innings of the match immediately prior to this.

On present indications and form, the inexperienced Werribee (2) seemed faced with another embarrassing outright defeat as it is hard to visualise them handling the formidable IOR attack with great confidence.

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WERRIBEE (2) V. I.O.R.

I.O.R.—1st Innings:

K. O'BRIEN, c Tregilgas, b R. Miller	26
A. FARTHING, c Ashby, b R. Nash	4
B. COMBEN, b R. Nash	4
W. COMBEN, run out	51
J. COMBEN, not out	100
K. O'BRIEN, run out	33
B. PARKER, run out	5
G. BROWN, not out	1
Sundries	10

TOTAL 6 wickets for 234

BOWLING: R. Nash 2/42, R. Miller 1/70, D. Dove 0/1, B. Morris 0/15, J. Edwards 0/16, M. Tregilgas 0/18, E. Bloomfield 0/62.

LAVERTON V. WERRIBEE (1)

LAVERTON.—1st Innings:

T. SEWELL, b Mitchell	16
F. GIBSON, c Morrish, b Mitchell	32
K. SKEAHAN, lbw, b M. J. Miller	1
D. MASON, c Mitchell, b Cations	50
F. GRIST, c Wakefield, b M. J. Miller	17
L. CONDON, c Cations, b M. G. Miller	17
M. MASON, lbw, b M. G. Miller	3
K. HARVEY, not out	22
J. SIMPSON, c Wakefield, b Cations	1
J. TIBBLES, c R. Hayley, b Cations	0
W. SIMPSON, b M. J. Miller	0
Sundries	10

TOTAL 169

BOWLING: G. Cations 3/26, M. J. Miller 3/51, M. G. Miller 2/19, B. Mitchell 2/62.

CHURCH CRICKET

SENIORS

John Street 2 (dec.) for 275, defeated St. Eanswythe's outright, 95 and 75 (Price 33, Roberts 3/9, Michael 3/32).

St. Andrews 119 lost on the first innings to Congregationals 140 and 204 (K. Johns 79, P. McGowan 58, P. Hogg 18, I. Young 18, D. Home-wood 3/54).

Altona Baptists 93 and 7/52 lost on the first innings to Newport Methodists 170 (J. Dellar 92, N. Horwill 15, B. Douglas 4/53, S. Culbard 3/29).

Church of Christ 112 defeated West Newport Methodists outright 42 and 65 (A. Self 5/17, R. Hope 3/33).

St. Stephen's 143 and 4 (dec.) for 93 won on the first innings from Christ Church/St. Mark's 80 and 1/67.

JUNIORS

St. Andrew's 194 and 4 (dec.) for 111 defeated St. Eanswythe's outright 17 and 28 (N. McLeod 5/3).

Congregationals 90 and 95 defeated Electra Street on the first innings 30 and 5/25 (Weedon 5/25, Bowyer 4/25).

Newport Methodists 113 defeated West Newport Methodists on the first innings 45 and 86 (Joyce 27 not out, Campbell 3/15).

Spotswood Methodists 108 (condon 22, McDonald 23, Paterson 5/23) drew with Altona Baptists 1/47 (Patterson 32 not out). No play second day through rain.

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TOP TEAM IN DA

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first innings victory all wickets in hand, ribee South are in a position to become right leaders by ing top team Res Farm at Chirnside

Although the wicket little soft, Research total was a little disappointing. Only batsmen to any success was Harry and he made almost h sides score by batting ly for 65.

Werribee South were to gain their good p by a clever spell of b by Jack Closter who 6 for 52.

W'BEE SOUTH V. S. R. F

STATE FARM.—1st Innings:

P. DOOLAN, c Boyd, b Stephenson	—
R. CARRAILL, b J. Closter	—
D. COONEY, c Boyd, b Stephenson	—
H. LANG, c Boyd, b Stephenson	—
P. SHANAHAN, b J. Closter	—
J. COONEY, b J. Closter	—
J. MURPHY, b J. Closter	—
V. COONEY, not out	—
M. SHEAHAN, c E. Closter, b J. Closter	—
M. SHARKEY, c Freeman, b J. Closter	—
B. THOMAS, b Stephenson	—
Sundries	—

TOTAL

BOWLING: J. Closter 6/52, W. Step 4/45, P. Hart 0/19, A. Gouloupolous

WERRIBEE SOUTH.—1st Inn

H. MORROW, not out	—
E. CLOSTER, not out	—
Sundries	—

TOTAL No wickets

BOWLING: J. Murphy 0/3, P. Dool

WERRIBEE (1).—1st Innings

N. MORRISH, not out	—
G. CATIONS, not out	—

TOTAL No wickets

BOWLING: K. Harvey 0/3.

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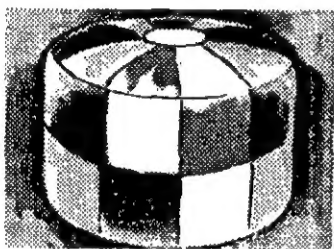
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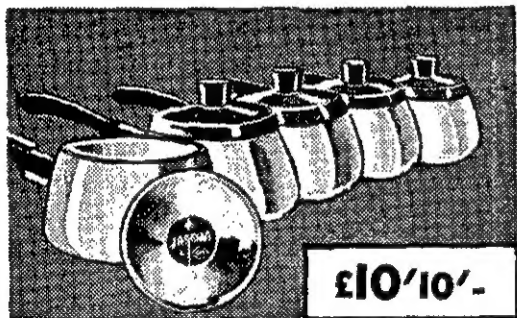
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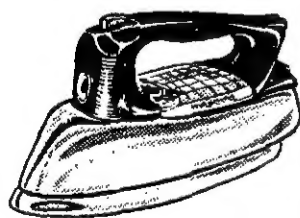
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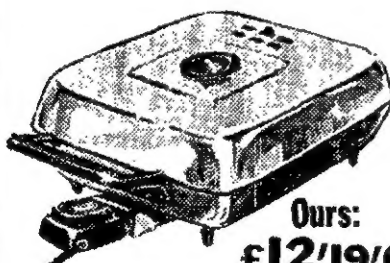
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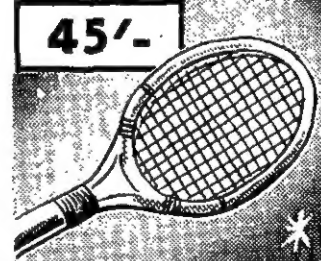
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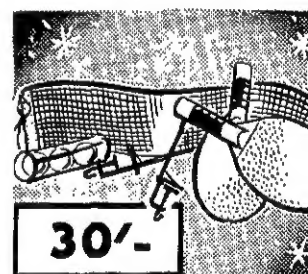


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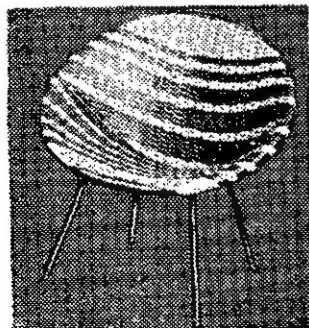
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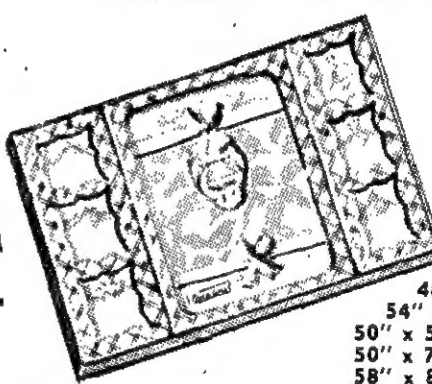
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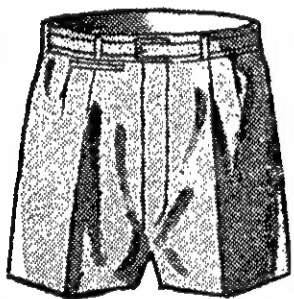
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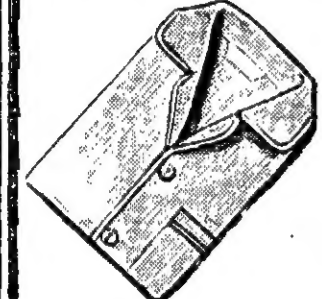
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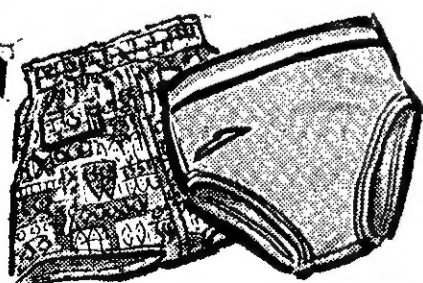
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YACHTING NEWS

An extremely hard south-easterly wind last Saturday caused the cancellation of racing for the moth class and reduced the Hornet fleet from seven starters to a field of three.

The heavy conditions showed up every suspect item of gear. Two yachts were dismantled and two others broke their booms. Jet was one of the yachts to break her boom, but was able to finish to the course under jury rig. The only other two yachts to complete the course were troubled by the amount of water shipped in the short, steep seas and resulted in the poor times which were recorded.

HORNETS

1st: Sigma (John Neale, Alan and Kevin Tyrell), 1 hour 4 minutes 6 seconds; 2nd: Athens (John Bartlett and Ian Beachley); 3rd: Jet (Tom Jones and John Buterworth).

Sigma won by 15 minutes 36 seconds, and Athens beat Jet by 11 minutes and 54 sec.

The handicap section was won by Sigma.

**ALTONA LADIES
BOWLING CLUB**

Latest results in the club championship and consistency events are as follows—

V. Turner, E. Flynn, E. Thomas and V. Sevier.

Last Saturday some of the ladies played at Williamstown and one rink took away the trophy: V. Sevier (5), V. Turner, E. Siphthorpe and E. Marlow.

Reminder to members of the Christmas Social on Saturday, December 14.

PENNANT RESULTS

Last week's pennant results are as follows—

No. 1 team 97, defeated City of Hawthorn 37—
E. Flynn 40-16; V. Sevier 36-6; Q. Cox 21-15.

No. 2 team 60, defeated Werribee 49—

V. Turner 21-22; M. Richardson 20-8; J. McNeillage 19-19.

No. 3 team 41, defeated Clifton Park 36—

V. Bush 26-16; P. Gischus 16-20.

**KOORINGAL GOLF
NOTES**

Saturday's Stroke results, held at the Koorringal Golf Club, are as follows—

A GRADE: P. James (3), net 73.

B GRADE: J. O'Dea (14), net 70, on a count back from S. Emerson.

C GRADE: E. Haley (26), net 69.

The monthly medal was won by E. Haley.

The final of the Koorringal Knockout resulted in a very popular win for W. Anderson. Congratulations to Bill.

Sundays Stableford competition resulted in J. Cadzow (14), 38 points, winning from D. Turner (5), 36 points and W. Court (15), 36 points.

Associates Bogy over nine holes saw Pam Coburn win with a fine score of 3 up.

Next Saturday is the first round of the Mens Four-somes Championship. The second round is to be played on Sunday.

**TENNIS TEAMS FOR
SATURDAY**

Altona Tennis Club team for Saturday, December 14, are as follows—

SENIORS

A Grade—
R. G. Graham, T. Law, D. Brophy. Reserve: Len Findlay.

M. Harrington, B. Johnston, Linda Findlay. Reserve: O. Kelly.

A Reserve (1) v. Kingsville, at Altona—

C. Trickey, C. Turner, R. Turner. Reserve: Len Findlay.

P. Trickey, T. Smith, O. Kelly. Reserve: L. Hutton.

A Reserve (2) v. Liston at Liston—

K. Johnston, I. Harrington, R. Combes. Reserve: J. Trickey.

L. Hutton, I. Neal, J. Bourka. G. Cronin.

B Grade, at Altona—

I. Kelly, P. Parkinson, D. Campbell. Emergency: A. Pimpini.

G. Cronin, M. Walker, T. Gunn. Reserve: G. Thomas.

There will be no Tuesday tennis until February.

JUNIORS

No. 1 boys v. Diggers (2) at home—

Flett, Findlay, Grdovitch, Kelly. Reserves: K. Walsh, W. Kelly.

No. 2 boys v. Diggers (1), at Altona—

Walsh, Kelly, McIntosh, Walker. Reserves: Mochon, Rafferty.

No. 1 girls v. Diggers, away—

C. Harrington, S. Rose, M. Mochon, C. Mochon.

No. 2 girls have a bye.

**LIFE SAVING CLUB
NEWS**

On Sunday last the Altona Life Savers went to Mordialloc to compete in the first carnival to be staged during the summer season.

Although no places were gained in the various events the members put on a very pleasing performance.

The club has been promoted to A Grade competition once again and, with a better quality of training the club should remain in A Grade.

The most outstanding performance came from the boys and girls reel and line event of which both were placed sixth, this is quite good considering all other teams have been competing in A Grade for two or three years.

The next carnival is to be held at South Melbourne beach on next Sunday, December 15.

SPECIAL EFFORT

1st: Mr. Kip Sen., 76; 2nd: Mrs. McCulloch, 207; 3rd: Mrs. Wilson, 97. Consolation: Mr. I. Herbert, 120; Mrs. B. Russell, 166; Mrs. E. Worley, 168; Mrs. H. Roper, 212.

**ALTONA PEDAL
CLUB NOTES**

Last Sunday the club went to Port Melbourne and had an enjoyable day. The club came second in the road riding and third in the best turned out club.

One member won his second trophy. Good luck to Paul Martin.

All club members are asked to meet at 28 Linnet Street next Sunday at 1 p.m. for practice at Ransom Reserve and later at the beach for operation beach clean.

SILVER PEDAL

Silver Pedal results this week are 1st: 84; 2nd: 72; 3rd: 87.

**SPORTING
PERSONALITIES
PAST AND PRESENT**

No. 20.—TOM JONES,
All-Rounder.

Local sporting identity Tom Jones could almost be termed an all-rounder plus, as his exploits in sport have covered a wide and varied field of events.

Although not individually successful with his sport whilst at the Williamstown High School, Tom was able to find his way into a number of inter school events; they were football, swimming, athletics and shooting.

Tom added another sporting activity to his list in 1945, when he became a member of the YMCA boxing troupe, and in 1948 he was in the wrestling team at the Williamstown Youth Centre.

During 1947 Tom played football with the Altona Rovers Under 19 XVIII, and at the end of that season he was judged as runner up to the best and fairest player in the competition.

League Football was the next step for Tom, and in 1948-49 he was a member of the Carlton third XVIII, a team which won the premiership in each of those years; and in 1949, Tom won the best and fairest award for his team. The Carlton second XVIII were successful in winning a premiership in 1950, and Tom was also a member of that team, and in the following two seasons, 1951-52, he played a number of games both with the Carlton first and 2nds XVIII teams, in the ruck and at centre half forward positions. A transfer from Carlton to the Footscray Football Club enabled Tom to play with that team in 1953 and 1954, and in the 1953 season he was in the Bulldogs final series XVIII.

Tom went further afield for his football in 1955 and 1956 when he was appointed playing coach for Cobden in the Hampden League, which covers the major football in the Western District, and while in the League, he was nominated as the best player in the competition.

After a let up from football, Tom joined the Altona Football Club in 1960, and 1961 played his last season of football with that club. He was voted third best and fairest of the Werribee Football League on one occasion, which was a fine effort after missing the first six games.

Tennis is another sport at which Tom has had his share of success—he played B Grade and A Reserve in 1952 and 1953 for the Altona Club, in the Williamstown District competition. And in 1957 he was successful in three B Grade club events, the singles championship and handicap and also partnered in the winning doubles combination.

As a cricketer in the Altona area, Tom played for the Manchester Unity XI in 1948, and in 1950 he played for the Altona Beach B Grade team, and in that he is recorded as having taken a hat trick, and being runner up in the club bowling average.

Further to his representation in local sport, Tom 1949-50 played basketball Altona and he had the pleasure of being selected, only as an emergency, in inter-State squad.

The Altona Life Saving Club is another local organisation in which Tom has been a leading member. He was captain of that club 1951 and 1952 and has to credit the Royal Life Saving Reel and Line certificate, the Bronze Medallion award, whilst surfing at New Rabeen on the New South Wales coast, Tom on one occasion was able to bring life saving knowledge to be by saving two girls from drowning, and with one them he had to use artificial resuscitation to complete rescuing feat.

Sailing is possibly the 1 sport as far as Tom is concerned, and as a member the Altona Yacht Club has compiled a fine record. Tom joined the club in 1948 and up until the end of 1957 season, he had chalked up a total of 11 wins, eight seconds and four thirds club events.

In the year 1954, built the Hornet class Spray II, and again in 1955 he built another Hornet class craft Jet in which he sailed and gained a number of victories. They were 10 wins and four seconds during 1959-60 season; a year which he finished second the Victorian Yacht Club regatta. The club championship went to Tom in 1960 with the top number fastest time to his credit, and he also went one better taking first place in the V Regatta in the same season. Again in 1961-62 Tom was accredited with being champion, and in 1962-63 was winner of the club regate.

Proof of Tom's sailing ability is borne out by fact of his selection out of 150 applicants to become crew member of the 48' ketch Windsong which sailed the Pacific in 1958 under the charge of Captain Walk. To sail the Pacific as a member of the Windsong was like a dream come true for Tom, and on this trip visited numerous places including New Zealand, Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji and Bora Bora.

Thrills were aplenty Tom on this trip, as a cyclone was encountered off La Howe Island, and while fishing in the same area, is credited with bringing ashore an 112 lb. prong, largest caught to that time at the Island.

Tom Jones as an all-rounder has certainly compiled a fine class sporting record, and with an ounce of luck, he is sure to add further to list, particularly with yachting.



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GIFT SUGGESTIONS

The Queen's Christmas Shopping ...

How would you choose Christmas gifts if you were the Queen? Here is the inside story of the royal Christmas presents, written by Helen Cathcart, author of "Her Majesty," recent best-selling biography of the Queen.

by Helen Cathcart.

The Queen Mother did her Christmas shopping last year.

In the Invercauld Galleries at Braemar she chose lovely hand-knitted blankets and engraved glass, crigged with Scottish lyside flowers.

At the sale of work at Athle Church, too, both the Queen and the Queen Mother bought Perth pottery jugs and ashtrays, knitted socks and gloves, a tiny dressed doll, a deer skin bag and her samples of Highland craftsmanship.

Long before travelling with from Balmoral, they had made at least a dint in their Christmas shopping list.

They have been shopping since ever since, both personally and by proxy, and a number of London shops and charitable organisations have joined in a gentle conspiracy of silence to ensure that the royal gifts remain a surprise.

The Queen usually visits an art gallery shortly before Christmas and buys one or two paintings, but her purchases are rarely revealed until the New Year.

The Queen Mother once particularly admired a painting by Paul Nash in a day or two that the picture was sold. You can imagine her delight on Christmas Day when she discovered that the painting had in fact been bought for her by the Queen.

A member of the Queen's staff also tours the antique shops, armed with a considerable number of possibilities that Her Majesty has in mind. When something suitable is found, perhaps a piece of fine china or a silver candlestick converted into an electric lamp, it is sent to the Palace for approval.

Books are a frequent royal choice, and Miss Olivia Hedley, the library assistant at Windsor, is kept busy ordering books for nearly every member of the Royal Family.

Sometimes she discovers that both Princess Margaret and The Queen Mother have decided to give someone the same book, and then the little problem is tactfully ironed out.

Princess Anne clearly believes in giving books to her young friends, and her Christmas gift list grows longer year by year.

At Windsor the Queen also likes to visit a glassware and handicraft shop near the Castle and browse for a time among the shelves.

The doors are closed after her arrival, and earlier customers tactfully complete their purchases and then leave her undisturbed.

The problem is rather different in a large West End department store where the Queen likes everything to go on just as usual.

In practice, the central aisle is cleared, just before the Queen arrives, and customers are asked to stand back "just for a few minutes, please." Some shoppers cannot resist waiting and some even achieve a deft courtesy.

Accompanied only by the store manager and a lady-in-waiting, the Queen soon chooses a route of her own and wanders around without a fuss.

A customer was buying Christmas crackers one year, when she found a



lady beside her who murmured: "I'm sure Anne would love these. Aren't they sweet?"

"They're charming!" the customer agreed. But until a salesgirl told her afterwards, she had not recognised the Queen.

The royal visit to a toy department has become almost a tradition. The Queen is always intensely interested in the latest mechanical toys, new children's do-it-yourself kits and novel board games.

At a bazaar one year no fewer than five royal ladies — the Queen, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, Alexandra and Marina, all chose toy rabbits. But this did not mean that little Prince Andrew was going to find a whole family of bunnies around his cot on Christmas morning. At least one of the rabbits, it turned out, was thoughtfully bought for a royal chauffeur's son.

The Queen similarly rarely fails to visit the disabled ex-Servicemen's sale of work held at the Lord Roberts Workshops shortly before Christmas.

In 45 minutes of systematic shopping, I have known her to buy a set of glove puppets, and a nest of tables, a folding picnic table, a pullover, a handy wasp-catching device, a woolly stole, a wedding basket, a Red Riding Hood doll and a dozen other things.

Princess Margaret buys no less decisively and her representative list one year included a little girl's brooch and earrings set, a teddy bear, 2 fur ducks, 2 black leather handbags, a fruit basket and breakfast tray, a shoe scraper and some Christmas tree decorations.

The bill came to over £30. Accounts for royal purchases are settled by cheque in the usual way.

Yet, the royal ladies seldom indulge in really lavish gifts for friends or family. The Queen Mother reassuringly murmured: "They're not dear! They're absolutely charming!" when she paid thirteen guineas for a pair of white and gold piecrust tables.

The essential simplicity of the more personal royal gifts is shown by the wastepaper basket and hot-water bottle which the Queen laughingly unwrapped one year.

(cont. on a later page.)

MR. ROBIN

HAS HIS CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

On Christmas morning Sandra and her brother Charles woke very early, excited to see if Santa Claus had brought any presents for them.

They had each hung one of Daddy's socks on the end of the bed, for Daddy's socks were bigger than their own.

They jumped down to the bottom of their beds and looked in the socks. Sure enough they were full of little presents, and they were certain that Santa Claus would have left some bigger ones downstairs under the Christmas tree.

They looked at the presents and then gathered them together and dashed into Mummy and Daddy's bedroom to show them. Of course, being grown-up, they were still asleep, so Sandra and Charles left them, and decided to go downstairs to make some tea.

The children lit the gas and put the kettle on to boil. Then they got out four cups, saucers and spoons. They put some tea into the teapot, and then they found some biscuits which they put on to a plate.

When the water boiled they made the tea and put everything on to two trays.

Sandra carried the up to Mummy and Daddy's bedroom and Charles carried the other.

Mummy and Daddy woke up and looked very pleased at the surprise, and Sandra sat down and poured out the tea, and Charles handed it round. Then he passed round the biscuits.

Meanwhile sitting on the back step feeling cold and hungry, but chirping a merry greeting, was Mr. Robin.

He came every morning for his breakfast crumbs which Sandra and Charles threw for him. They always looked for him as soon as they arrived downstairs. So what had happened to them this morning?

Mr. Robin hopped up and down to make himself warmer whilst he was waiting, when his friends still had not appeared, he flew up-on to the window-sill and looked through the window.

All the family had finished their breakfast, and were there looking at their presents. Grandma and Grandpa had arrived also, and everyone was having great fun.

Soon there was only one parcel left on the tree. It was a flat parcel, but it hadn't a name on it.

Sandra took it down and opened it. Inside was a slice of bread. As soon as she saw it she exclaimed: "Oh! Poor Mr. Robin. We've forgotten all about his breakfast."

"I thought you would," said Mummy, "so I put that slice of bread in a parcel on the tree to remind you."

Charles and Sandra ran to the back door with the bread and threw out the crumbs to Mr. Robin who had flown down on to the ground to meet them.



You're Probably Having a Christmas Tree ...

If you have two or more children in your family, the probabilities are that you'll have a Christmas tree resplendently decorated and bursting with gifts, sitting up in your lounge room on Christmas Eve.



And so popular have Christmas trees become, that many a family with

but one child, and some homes with no children at all, will include a small Christmas tree as part of their Yuletide decorations.

In the Christian community, Christmas trees are of comparatively recent origin. Their history goes back a little more than a hundred and fifty years ago, while the custom of decorating the tree is of even more recent origin.

In this country, where pines and firs abound, the Norfolk Island species is the most popular; but tree or the bough of a tree of any sort will matter little to tiny tots, so long as it is gaily decorated and weighed down with all the good things children have come to expect.

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The Queen's Christmas Shopping ..

(cont. from earlier page)

The Duke of Edinburgh, I believe, once gave her an antique hour-glass to remind her to keep an eye on the time and it stands in a place of honour on the Queen's desk.

Her Majesty once gave her husband a set of car mascots, knowing that he always likes to feature the right piece for the occasion, a silver guardsman for a military inspection, a mounted polo player when he is on his way to a game.

The children are encouraged to make their own presents. It won't be spoiling the surprise to say that the Prince of Wales this year will almost certainly give his parents some of the pottery he has made at Gordonstoun.

The Duke of Edinburgh similarly likes to design Christmas presents himself. Students at a technical art school received very precise instructions one year when he wished them to convert an old silver tea-kettle into an electric kettle.

Another time he spent hours patiently designing a beautifully engraved platinum powder compact — complete with a slide-out lipstick, as a gift to the Queen.

Like any husband, Prince Philip cannot altogether suppress awkwardness when he undertakes his quick Christmas tour of the shops.

He chooses quickly but asks for many articles to be sent to the Palace for leisure inspection. Then he enlists the aid of Miss Margaret MacDon-ald, the Queen's dresser, to help him select the charming feminine surprises that meet a wife's favour.

The Queen likes to open her packages under the Christmas tree on Christmas afternoon, when she can relax after her world-wide broadcast.

Yet this is only the climax of a liberal landslide of presents around the palaces, for several hundred Christmas gifts for the staff bulk largest of all in the Queen's generosity.

Almost before most people have begun thinking of Christmas, indeed, the housekeepers at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Sandringham begin asking their staffs what they would like.

Even newcomers to the staff learn that they will receive a small gift. "Perhaps a pair of socks then?"

dubiously suggested a new band in the Palace kitchens, fresh from catering school. He was astonished to receive three pairs.

A fugitive from the Iron Curtain was put down for nylons. First the Queen handed her an envelope with ten £1 notes, then a pair of nylons, then a box of chocolates and finally a little doll with a label: "Dressed by Princess Anne."

Cooks and housemaids with long terms of service often receive exquisite gifts. After receiving a tea set one year, one member of the staff felt that the Queen had given her enough and declined to state her preference.

Her name was called as usual, however, as the staff lined up in the Sandringham ballroom, and she received a matching dinner service.

A footman tentatively suggested a small coffee table one year. As he cast an eye at the waiting range of gifts, his heart sank. No coffee table was to be seen and he felt he had overstepped the mark. But the Queen was full of mischief as she shook his hand and wished him a merry Christmas. Then she chuckled and said: "It's over there!"

A wooden crate lay beyond the Christmas tree. "Well, aren't you going to unpack it?" said Prince Philip, and the delighted man drew his coffee table from the mass of shavings.

The Queen always makes a point of travelling down to Windsor shortly before Christmas, so that the staff may receive their Christmas gifts direct from her hands.

Christmas puddings and produce also go to estate employees. Old pensioned servants continue to receive their Christmas pudding.

There are two-pound puddings for each of the policemen and duty postmen at Buckingham Palace. Stationmasters at Euston and Liverpool Street, Ballater and Wolferton (the stations that serve Balmoral and Sandringham) all receive a remembrance of turkeys and gift geese from the royal estates.

There are humble back streets in Windsor where free coal is delivered to 400 old folk every Christmas — "with the Queen's compliments."

Officials hinted not long ago that this gesture cost the Queen £250 a year and was no longer economic in a welfare state. The Queen decided that deliveries should continue, but stipulated only that newcomers to the list should be at least 65 years of age.



Down by the Old Swimming Pool

No matter where you may be spending most of your time during the Christmas vacation, you're sure to be looking for some place in which to laze in the sun and swim when the mood takes you.

The nearest place for a swim may be down in the old swimming pool, in the local water hole, in a specially constructed Olympic pool, in the river or the surf, but no matter where it may be, it will inevitably be well patronised if the weather is hot.

Most popular shapes for swim suits this season will be the one-piece maillot, the blouson one-piece and the two-piece with boy shorts.

Popular fabrics for surf suits include all the old favourites, as well as some alluring new stretch fabrics.

Colorings are as versatile as the shapes, with two-tones predominating, many plain pastels, some two and three-toned in vertical stripes of such favoured combinations as gold and

primrose, black and light olive, brown and tan, gold, tan and black, and red, purple and black.

The models illustrated are wearing easy-on-the-eye one-piece knits which have gentle waist line gathers, necklines that are different fore and aft. They're developed in white and blue and feature an unusual one-sided effect.

If thinking in terms of gifts suitable for water-nymphs, surf suits are suitable only if you know just what the recipient wants, including size and color.

Gifts that are always acceptable include gay beach bags, in canvas or terry-towelling; one of the many fascinating beach hats in woven colored straws; an outsized throw-down towel on which to lie; a beach umbrella, or some sandals.

The range of things available for our beach beauties is so extensive that you'll have no difficulty in finding just what you want for personal use or gift giving.

Ghosts Haunt the Old Residences

Information about the ghosts which are alleged to haunt old British castles



and the Royal residences in particular, make absorbing reading — and this is the time of year when the telling of ghost stories is most popular.

Legend has it that Henry the Eighth's favourite haunting grounds, if one may use the phrase, are in the cloisters near the Deanery at Windsor Castle — but legend does not say whether he is accompanied by his bevy of wives.

One of these wives, Catherine Howard, favours Hampton Court. Here, in the Haunted Gallery, she may be heard running and shrieking along the passages; while another, Anne Boleyn, paces the cold stones, weeping as she did in the final hours before her execution.

Another haunting spot where Anne Boleyn's visitations are familiar is in the Church of St. Peter in the Tower of London. And on the anniversary of her death each year, it is claimed that she transfers her visitation to Blickling Hall, in Norfolk.

On each anniversary night, she is driven to the hall by a headless coachman and four headless horses. To complete the ghoully scene the unhappy queen carries her head in her lap.

Sitting around the family hearth telling ghost stories is still a favourite pastime in many British homes at Christmas and many people, including royalty, have sworn they have seen ghosts.

You don't believe in them, of course; but what's that peering over your shoulder?



Does Your Son say "Fair Go, Dad?"

There's a great deal of the boy in all men and lucky indeed is the man who can indulge many of his boyhood enthusiasms at all times, for then he may well be counted among the young at heart throughout his entire life. But there is a pitfall about all this. Ask young Jimmy, whose father spent a great deal of money last year and bought him an expensive set of electrical-propelled trains, with all the trimmings in the way of sidings, signals platforms, cranes, and other gadgets. Jimmy will tell you while he received wonderful Christmas presents, he seldom got a chance to enjoy it, because he found it so enthralling that he spent most of his hours playing with it. Mechanical toys of kinds make excellent presents; but if you're one for your boy, remember it is his and don't it necessary for him to have to say to you: "go, Dad!"

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Let's Talk About Christmas Puddings

In speaking of overweight Christmas puddings, there is no intention to belittle those delicious puddings your wife or mother makes.

The reference is to some of the historically famous puddings made over the years to fill the capacious stomachs of armies or of multitudes in general.

It is statistically interesting to note that the gross weight of Christmas puddings consumed in England each year is computed to be 12 tons, in Australia two and a half tons, and in New Zealand just over one ton.

Based on these computations, the New Zealand total is a very puny one in comparison with a single pudding said to have been cooked in 1858 at Palngton, in Devon, England, which weighed approximately the same as New Zealand's whole total.

Its weight of well over a ton included eight hundredweight of sugar, 380 pounds of suet, 500 lemons, 150 nutmegs, about 200 pounds of breadcrumbs, nearly 600 pounds of flour,

and the best part of a hundredweight of assorted spices. It took a team of eight horses to pull the lorry carrying this out-size pudding to the village green where it was cut up and shared amongst the assembled crowd of some 18,000 people.

Today the largest mixtures for Christmas puddings, but not the largest individual ones, since they are put into many moulds, are probably to be found in some of the world's largest barracks, or on the largest ocean liners; but these do not take into account commercial makers of tinned puddings.

Tinned plum puddings, incidentally, are largely replacing the home made Christmas puddings in this country — and small wonder, when cooking puddings in mid-summer is no joke.

But no matter whether the pudding you eat this Christmas is home or factory made, there'll certainly be plenty of it; so pass your plate along for a second helping!

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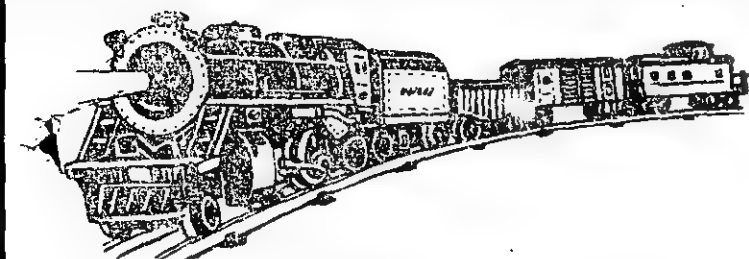
Exciting New Toys for Boys and Girls

This is a year when Santa Claus, through his various helpers, has made such a bewildering variety of toys for girls and boys that finding the right gift for the youngsters in your life will be easy to find. Even though models change from year to year, it is interesting to note something to do with

and pull toys for boys have mostly been replicas of motor cars and other forms of transport; and this love of things that move, or can be moved, survives through school days and, indeed, right through life — as witness: Dad's penchant for motor cars, and the manner in which he will monopolise young Albert's

the transport theme which seems to be the natural inheritance of every boy, and toy planes this year are exciting reproductions of the real things.

Additionally, of course, all the old favourites for boys and girls are as plentiful as usual. They include games to play, such as



transport invariably leads to a field where boys are earned.

to the turn of the century, horse-drawn models of drays and carts and stages were most in demand; but now the horses have been tucked comfortably under the bonnet — toy cars of every shape and size and make are

light from the time they're first able to their hands, push toys

electric train if he gets the chance.

Mechanical toys of every sort invariably have a great deal of appeal for boys; so do construction kits which help to build up a boy's enquiring turn of mind, so that in later years, he can become handy as a do-it-yourself addict.

Toys which, in imagination or in reality, take to the air are extensions of

Ludo, Monopoly, Scrabble, Draughts, chess and a wide variety of card games.

As for things on wheels with which you can roam the back yard, the footpaths and the highways, they range all the way from the simple tricycles on which junior cuts his eye teeth, through scooters and pedal cars to real bicycles. It is only the latter, of course, that should be used on the roads.

Dolls Are Favourites

The vogue for dolls that everything except pay income tax has been faced this season by dolls that look like fashion models. And they no longer have to cry, wet, suck or shout Mamma. Fashion dolls are now a hit that one worries the future of the nation; for little girls no longer start being mothers and baby dolls, what maternal instincts will they have when they grow up? Dolls come in a variety of fashionable clothes, ranging from tomboy outfits, bouffant frocks and fitting sheaths to the traditional bride dolls.

Accessories for dolls in the flower head-dresses, four belts, beaded handbags and smart shoes; hair-do's reflect the smart fashion influences.

Don't forget a doll's wardrobe as something to be for the little girl has a surfeit of dolls. Playing at housekeepers, same as Mum, is always a favourite pastime for little girls; hence appreciation if they have miniature sets of kitware, tea sets, toy washing machines and the

sonality, even though it is difficult to fathom the reasons for the reactions little girls exhibit to their toys and playthings.

Why is it, for example, that Janice, with a veritable wardrobe full of lovely dolls, still clings to that gollywog whose arms are missing, whose features have virtually disappeared under a coating of dirt, and whose sawdust body has almost disgorged its contents? Your guess is as good as mine, but it does mean something very precious to a small girl and should be encouraged for that reason.

Be specially careful selecting toys for the very young. From babyhood until a child is two years of age, special toys are advisable.

This is because, between the ages just specified, toys will be sucked and chewed. They should be made of pliable and resilient exteriors that are guaranteed by the makers to be coated with harmless substances that cannot be sucked off, or which, if sucked off, will be completely harmless.

In terms of toys, there is little doubt that balls play an important role for outdoor use. You'll find them in a wide variety of sizes and colours. Keep them in mind when making out your gift list.

No matter what the toy may be, some attention should be given to the soundness with which it has been constructed. This is important because, un-



less you give this attention you may later find that the effective life of a toy in which you have spent a considerable sum may be somewhat less than five minutes.

Don't leave shopping for toys until the last moment. Do it now!

THE RED UMBRELLA

Once upon a time there was a little red umbrella. It was a very special one because it had a blue handle and silver stars. It stood in a shop with lots of other ordinary umbrellas and a few big brown walking sticks.

One day, a little boy and girl came running up and pressed their noses on the shop window.

Oh, look at that lovely little umbrella, Johnny, cried the little girl. "I wish I could have it. I wonder how much it is?"

Wait a minute, I'll go in and ask, said Johnny.

The owner of the shop leaned over the counter. "Can I help you?" she asked.

"Yes, please," said Johnny, "how much is that little umbrella, that one with the blue handle and the silver stars?"

The lady smiled, "well it's fifteen shillings, but it's a little girl's umbrella."

"Oh yes, I know," said Johnny, "my little sister Mary wants it, but it is rather expensive."

"Why not write and ask Father Christmas to bring it?" suggested the lady.

"Good idea," said Johnny, "I'll tell Mary right away."

The little red umbrella listened carefully and watched as they ran off together. Days went by, and it waited and waited, hoping to see the children again.

One day the shop bell went ting-a-ling and a lady walked in. "How much is the little red umbrella?" asked the lady customer. "The owner of the shop told her and the customer decided to buy it."

The little red umbrella felt very sad because it would not be going to live with Johnny and Mary after all. But wait a minute, what was the customer saying?

"My little girl Mary wrote to Father Christmas asking him for the little red umbrella, so would you please put it away until he calls for it on Christmas Eve?"

The lady who owned the shop agreed and picked the little red umbrella up and put it in a cupboard.

One evening after the shop was closed, the cupboard door opened and there stood Father Christmas. "Ah, there you are little umbrella," he smiled, "you are going to Mary's house."

Off they went over the roof tops, stopping at every chimney pot. When they reached Mary's and Johnny's house a big pile of presents and a red umbrella were sent tumbling down the chimney.

When morning came Mary shouted with excitement: "oh, look Johnny, she cried, 'it's the little red umbrella!'"

Mary was so pleased that even today she carries it everywhere with her, even when it's not raining.

Give Beauty...

As a mere male, I've always held the personal opinion that giving a lady anything in the cosmetic line is tantamount to suggesting she's a plain Jane and badly in need of something to add a bit of glamour to her appearance.

I seem to be rather on my own in this respect, for there is little doubt that gifts of soaps and perfumes, of make-up kits and toiletries generally are probably bought for gift-giving in greater profusion than any other kind of merchandise.

And there's little doubt that the best place to shop for them is at your local chemist. He'll have such a profusion of things, all gift-wrapped, that you're bound to find just the things you're looking for.



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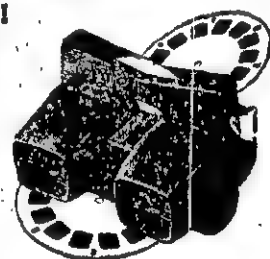
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Christmas Gift Suggestions

A hanging lamp, a guitar, a patio chair, a set of cushions, a floor rug, some books, an exotic pot plant and clothing all provide suggestions for gift-giving.



The choice of gifts this year may prove to be unusually difficult, because they're in such abundance, and have such a strong appeal that one is hesitant about making a final choice.

Even when a gift list is made out it will usually be found that some wanted items have been omitted, but a list of wanted items is very much a necessity for a Christmas shopping expedition.

Within the compass of a single short article it is not possible to enumerate the thousands of attractive articles suitable for gifts, but by mentioning a generous number some sort of guide will be provided and may enable you to recall others in similar categories.

PATIO FURNITURE
Patio furniture is something that should go down on your gift list.

In this regard, few things are most suitable as contributions to leisurely living than the chair against which our model is standing.

It represents the acme of comfort and the canvas cover, available in many colors, can be taken inside when not in use.

There are many other

types of patio chairs, benches and tables suitable for gift-giving; while a portable barbecue is an invaluable contribution to outdoor living for anyone who hasn't got one.

Patio awnings and sunshades in striped canvas are other suggestions.

ACCESSORY FURNITURE

Few items give greater pleasure than gifts of home accessories that have been chosen with care and are just right for their surroundings.

Into this category come occasional tables, standard lamps, satin pillows, small items of brass or copper ware, chrome ornaments and such other items that you know are wanted and will be welcomed by some special friend to whom an article for the home will be even more cherished than some item of personal adornment.

ELECTRICAL GOODS

Into any home, too, come many electrical items that vary in size and importance from a television set to an electric torch or battery.

Such items may be for the home community in general, or for particular persons in the family.

Family presents can in-

clude refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, floor polishers and the like, if you want to give something of substantial value; while lesser items such as toasters, fry-pans and cake-mixers make ideal presents at reasonable prices to give to anyone in need of them.

Additionally, there are many smaller articles in all electrical goods stores that are gift wrapped and inexpensive.

AND MUSIC, TOO!

While there are many thousands of grown-ups who are married to the classics in musical matters, it is safe to say that, in the field of popular music, teenagers, with money to spend, are the biggest buyers of pop records.

With some radio stations playing as many as forty top tunes, most of which contain the sort of yackety-yak swing that young folks love, new records are daily being broken in the sale of new discs to teenagers. So you can't go far wrong if you put radio records down on your gift list.

Transistor radio sets, too, will have a special fascination for any teen-ager who does not already possess one.

And how about a guitar for that budding aspirant for teen-age honours who envisages a future as a star of TV, radio, and the entertainment field generally?

Maybe, too, you know a lad whose ambition it is to be the drummer of a jazz type orchestra. For him a set of drums may spell paradise; but do see that he doesn't live next door to you, or you'll live to rue the day drums were ever invented.

Music stores in general are so replete this year with every type of instrument from a mouth-organ to a grand piano that they certainly deserve a visit before you close your gift list.

FOR A GAY KITCHEN

Gay kitchenware is the order of the day, and colored kitchen utensils add to that gaiety. You'll find them in all sorts of articles intended for use in the kitchen, and in all sorts of colors and mediums.

Plastics have come into their own where small kitchen items are concerned. They include lots of novel-

ty items as well as practical kitchenware.

They are gay in color and modernistic in design. Their prices range all the way from a few pence to many pounds. Kettles and pots and pans are far from being exotic or romantic, but if you're giving a present to anyone in somewhat poor circumstances something of practical use will be more appreciated than a fancy bauble of no utilitarian value.

CHINA AND GLASSWARE

The only thing to keep in mind when purchasing pottery, china or glassware is the taste of the person for whom a gift is being purchased, as well as being familiar with the contents of their home. You'll then be able to select something suitable alike for its contemplated surroundings and the home owner.

Personal presents made of china or glassware are always equally welcome because they betoken the fact that you've gone to a lot of trouble selecting something suitable; and this year's stocks are more attractive than ever before.

You can get glass ware articles for every room in the house; but the two classes more favoured are drinking glasses that range all the way in size from small liqueur glasses to the classical balooner for whom liqueur brandy has just an epicurean appeal.

Running them closely are single items and sets of crystal glassware for the dressing table; while the range of articles made of glass enables a wise selection to be made to suit all tastes and all pockets.

Much the same can be also said of china and pottery, where ornamental pieces are in abundance and practical gifts such as tea or coffee sets, dinner sets, and full utility sets are in equally plentiful supply.

FOR THE GARDENER

Easiest person of all to please when it comes to giving Christmas presents, is probably the garden-lover, no matter whether man or woman.

With an eye attuned to beautiful things which nature produces in abundance, anyone who comes along on Christmas morning with a few flowers, some seedlings, a pot plant, a young tree or shrub, or some wanted garden tools will be most heartily received.

This is because, to the gardener, anything received is a token that the giver has devoted some time and thought to the purchase, and in bringing it along personally, is a real friend—and probably also a member of the gardening fraternity.

And don't forget that a clipping from some rare plant in your own garden will give untold pleasure if graciously presented on Christmas morning.

PLACE MATS

Boxed place mats of the type where beautiful scenes, classic reproductions of the works of famous artists, and examples of abstract art, are mounted on board, made up into sets and attractively boxed are so very much in favour these days that they've become something of a threat to the fabric mat industry and to the makers of table linens generally.

It follows, therefore, that they must enjoy a high place when you're preparing gift lists. Despite their popularity, however, all kinds of table napery should be kept in mind as gift possibilities.

IF HE SMOKES!

Statistically your boy-friend—or is it your girl-friend?—may be rather a poor health risk; but you can't win friends and influence people by withholding from them the things they like.

So a gift pack of cigarettes, some pipe tobacco, a tobacco pouch, or a cigarette lighter, may well win the acclaim of confirmed smokers.

Other items to be found in most tobacconists include cuff-links, the rugged types of face lotions favoured by men, brushes, combs, wallets and card cases. They're all worth inspection.



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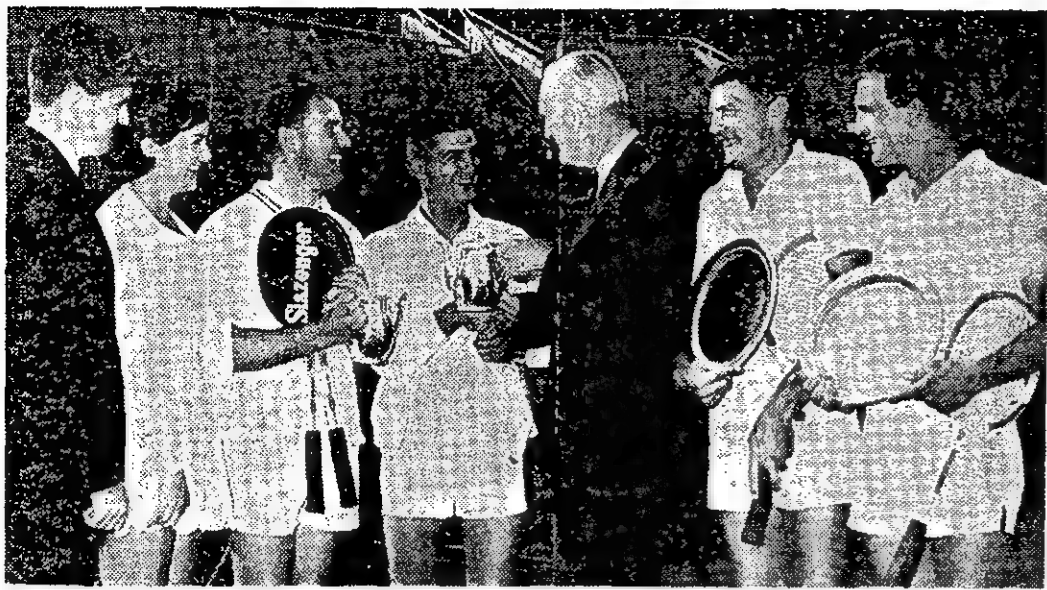
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Mr. R. N. Vroland, president of the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria, presents silver trophies, donated by The Shell Company of Australia Limited, to the winners and runners-up in a lightning tennis premiership for League football clubs held during the 1963 Victorian Tennis Festival at Kooyong recently.

At left are Shell representative and former New Zealand Davis Cup player, Corbett Parker, and Miss Helen Slattery, 22, of Kew, who was judged "Miss Victorian Tennis" from more than 60 entrants. Miss Slattery's prize is a return air trip to London for the 1964 Wimbledon Championships.

The footballers are (left to right): winners Brian Beers and Wayne Eastman, of Fitzroy; runners-up—Brian Dixon and Ken Emselle, of Melbourne.

The weekend festival included demonstrations of every aspect of tennis training from junior coaching to Davis Cup preparation as well as comprehensive equipment displays.

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A Christmas Message

By THE REV. JOHN MORIARTY

Today, we remember the little town of Bethlehem because a couple of unimportant people from Nazareth came there one night; an ordinary working man, a carpenter and his wife.

The town was very crowded. The streets were full of people. There were travellers from near and far, come for the census. There were people hurrying endlessly about their business: there were people looking for old friends, who had come back to the old town, perhaps after years away. There were people out sight-seeing, looking at the travellers enjoying the festive atmosphere. There were lonely people, sad people, troubled people, looking for some kind of comfort.

The couple from Nazareth could find no room at the inn. They had to make do for the night with a stable. And there—a baby was born, a baby we know as the Son of God. Here was the one who gave real purpose to all work, the Friend to surpass all friends, the most wonderful sight you could behold, the answer to all loneliness, sadness, despair. Anyone of these people crowding the street, hurrying past, could have turned in to spend a while with the babe, they could if they could forget their business for a moment or spare some time from their friends or their sight-seeing, or put aside for a moment their own trouble.

Some people did come to see the child. There were poor shepherds who had seen a vision while they were watching over their sheep. They hurried to see the child they were told about. But I wonder if they all came. Perhaps there were some who would not believe the vision, or who were afraid of what their friends would say if they were. Perhaps there were some who felt they were not good enough to go, in spite of what the angel in the vision had said.

There were some wise men who came too; according to tradition, they were rich and powerful kings. They came and saw, and payed homage to the Son of God. They came because they did not think they were too clever to give homage to a child, or too important to go to a stable in an out-of-the-way village, or too good to mix with poor uneducated people. It is the same today, the Babe of Bethlehem, who is also the Man of Calvary, is still with us in Spirit, available for us all to spend a moment, or a lifetime with

Him. But there are many who cannot spare an hour for Him from their work, or who have all their time taken up with friends, or with other interests, or with parties and entertainments. There are some who are so worked up and involved about their troubles and worries—knotted up inside—that they cannot put them aside a moment, even for the Son of God—who could if they would let Him, untie these knots. There are many who, will not feel they are not good enough to come to the Son of God despite His assurance He wants them to. There are some who think they are too clever to worship someone who never wrote a book, or who feel they are too good to mix with some of the people they might find in Church—rough or uneducated or hypocritical people.

It has always been this way, and it probably always will be. There are the many who pass the stable door and there are the few who enter—and see the King of Glory.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

A successful program was presented in the Methodist Youth Hall last Sunday evening, where 300 people gathered to sing Christmas Carols and to listen to choir and musical items.

The program was ably compered by Rev. John Baillie of the Presbyterian Church and instrumental ensemble of nine RAAF bandmen, under the baton of John Hickey, accompanied the singing, and a choir of 50 voices from the Williams-town Choral Society and the Wankana Choir conducted by Mr. Lindsay Hunter, rendered items.

The Shire President, Cr. G. den Dulk, welcomed the audience on behalf of the Shire Council and the Rev. John Reynolds thanked all those responsible for the organisation and success of the gathering, which was revived by the Altona Minister's Fraternal.

A collection resulted in the sum of £16 to be donated to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

ALTONA SPASTIC AID

The Altona Spastic Aid Committee will hold a street stall in Pier St., on Saturday, December 14.

There will be cakes, fancy goods, dressed dolls and golliwogs and lucky dips for the children. This will be a good opportunity to buy your Christmas gifts and at the same time help our local spastic children. All members of the committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking all for their continued support and to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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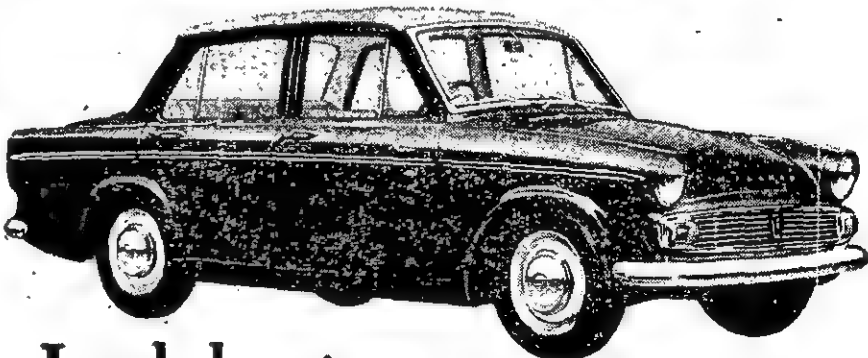
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BOWLING CLUB NOTES

Two of the club's pennant teams were successful on last Saturday. The second team were defeated by the leaders in their section. Results were as follows—

No. 1 team 99, defeated Moonee Ponds (4) 76—
W. Inglis, G. McNeillage, G. Bush and A. Molloy: 21-24.

J. Whyte, A. Hill, J. Fisher and W. Monkhouse: 27-19.

A. Clarke, T. McMahon, R. Don and D. Cunningham: 20-16.

J. Stephens, C. McDonald, A. Turner and T. Olliver: 31-17.

No. 2 team 69, lost to Nortacote (4) 102—
S. Roberts, D. Emery, I. Douglas and W. Walsh: 18-25.

C. Williams, K. Andress, D. Watters and J. Flynn: 23-23.

W. Harrison, L. Cox, E. Jemmeson and E. Roach: 13-36.

W. Probert, S. Ashman, M. Neal and G. Russell: 15-18.

No. 3 team 70, defeated Sunshine Businessmen's Club 68—

L. Nettleton, A. Shaw, A. Glischus and L. Smith: 20-23.

J. Cox, J. Murphy, F. Douglas and W. Grant: 25-20.

L. Crofts, E. Davey, T. Burke and M. Deegan: 25-25.

The winning bankers were George Snowden and Harry Woodyard.

A convivial impromptu evening was enjoyed on Saturday. Bob Don and Set Ashman on the drums, livened up proceedings.

CLUB EVENTS

Jack Fisher, Alby Clarke, Glen McNeillage and Ern Jemmeson have now joined the last eight in the club championship.

Others successful in the various club events are—

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY—
Len Smith and Tom Mitchell.

PAIRS—Ian Douglas and Bill Walsh.

100 UP.—Bill Grant.

GAMES FOR SATURDAY

Next Saturday the second team play Reservoir (2) at home. The first and third teams travel to Preston and Newport respectively.

DART LEAGUE ALTONA DISTRICTS NOVELTY NIGHT

The Novelty Night conducted last Thursday was a greater success than anticipated.

Wally Ellis, of the Seaholme Dart Club, came out the eventual winner with the following scores: 1st Round, 261; 2nd Round, 286; 3rd Round, 163; 4th Round, 226; Total, 936.

The lowest score was won by R. ("Yogi Bear") Currier of Newport Dart Club with a score of 441.

PRESENTATION DANCE

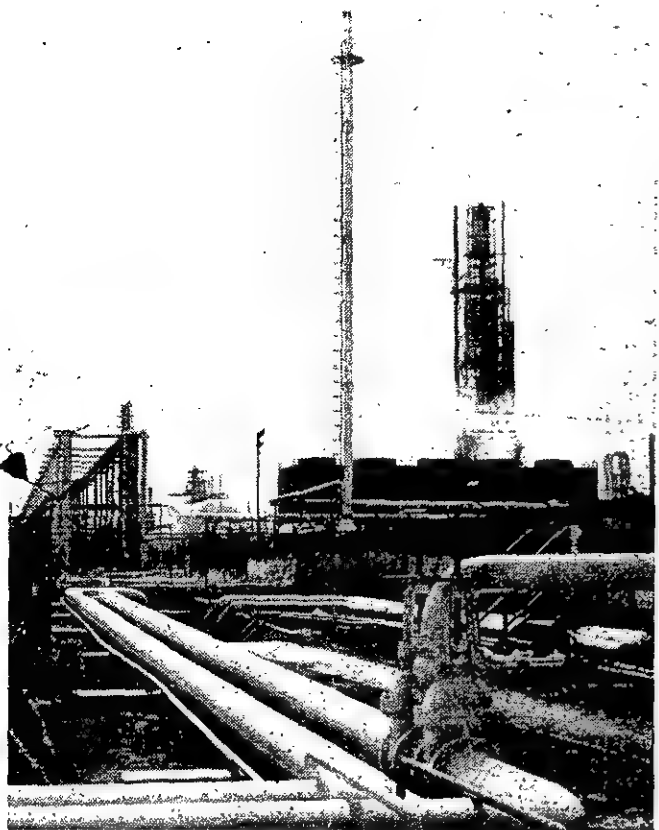
The presentation dance, to be held this Saturday, December 14, in St. Mary's Hall, Sargood Street, Altona, is predicted to be a huge success. Tickets are selling like hot cakes. Persons desiring tickets are urged to contact Bob Rose, 68-0214, as soon as possible.

The Shire President, Cr. G. den Dulk, has graciously consented to be present to represent the Altona Council and to present some of the trophies.

VICTORIAN DARTS ASSOCIATION

It was more than pleasing to receive inquiries from the Melbourne and Districts Darts League for affiliation and inclusion of a team to compete in the Round Robin to select a Victorian team to attend the Australasian Darts Championships, which is to be conducted during Easter weekend at Burwood, Sydney.

New Refinery Flare



A recent change in the Altona skyline and shortly a new light in the sky over the PRA Refinery, will signify that the refinery's new flare is in operation.

The new elevated flare, which rises to a height of 150 feet, is adjacent to, and will supplement the existing ground flare.

The general manager of the refinery stated that the development and erection of this modern elevated flare is in line with PRA's policy to continually seek improvements in operating techniques for improved efficiency and greater safety.

Under Influence Charge Dismissed

Douglas Cameron Roper, of Hall Street, Newport, was charged that on November 5, at Newport, he was under the influence of intoxicating liquor to such an extent as to be incapable of driving a motor car. He pleaded not guilty and was represented by Mr. Sonenberg.

Emmanuel Bugeja, of Bunting Court, Altona North, said at 6.55 p.m. on November 5, he was driving his car in Power Street, Newport, from Altona North. He stopped near the fire brigade and stayed stationary for about half a minute to get a clear view of the traffic before crossing to Bunbury Street, which is directly opposite. He was hit in the centre of his car from a car coming behind and forced across the road to the first house in Bunbury Street. He asked defendant to drive him to the fire brigade to phone the police, which he did. In reply to Mr. Sonenberg, he denied he drove up fast to the intersection and pulled up suddenly. He was also asked, "Some 100 yards before the intersection you went past Roper's car at a fast rate of speed?" He replied, "No, I was only doing 20 mph."

Constable I. Munro said he attended the accident with Constable Knight. He saw one car in Bunbury Street extensively damaged to the rear and the other car extensively damaged to the front. Defendant was leaning on his car and he noticed his breath smelt of liquor. He was also unsteady on his feet. He was asked to go to the Newport Police Station to do some tests and there he stumbled a number of times going in. He had four tests done, one was well done, one reasonably and the other two badly.

Constable Knight said he conducted the tests and gave seven in all. Roper did them generally average. Roper told him that he had accelerated to turn left into Melbourne Road as it was clear when suddenly he saw a car stopped in front of him and crashed into it. He was doing about 20 mph.

Senior Constable McCullach

of the Breath Analysis Section said he interviewed Roper and gave him the breathalyser test. Roper told him he had had about six whiskies (halves) during the day. His test showed 200 per cent. and 210 per cent., which would require a minimum of 14 seven oz. glasses of beer.

Mr. Sonenberg submitted there was no case to answer as there was no proof of Roper being under the influence. His eyes were clear and his speech was not slurred.

Mr. P. J. O'Connor, SM, said there was a case to answer and Roper gave evidence.

He said he had perhaps seven whiskies between 4.15 and 6 p.m., but it could have been eight or nine. He was used to drinking whisky and it would take 12 or 14 to affect him. He was doing about 30 mph in Power St., when a car passed him very fast, he did not see where it went. He looked to the right to see if there was any traffic coming in Melbourne Road and when he looked back in front of him saw a car only 10 feet in front, which was stationary. He could not avoid hitting it. Both he and Bugeja got out and had a conversation. Bugeja's car was still in Power Street and he moved it later to Bunbury Street.

Frank McLennan, of Blackshaws Road, Spotswood, said he came past the scene of the accident and saw Roper standing there. He returned a few minutes later and Roper had parked his car near the fire station. He pulled up near him and then spoke to him. He noticed nothing unusual about Roper, only that he was excited.

Mr. P. J. O'Connor, SM, dismissed the information.

GAOL FOR SHOPBREAKERS

Con Cutajar, 20 years, of 24 Mulga Street, Altona, John Fitini, 25 years, and Norman Alamengo, 18 years, both of 2 Boyd Street, Altona, were each charged that on November 24, at Altona, they did break and enter a shop at 19 Harrington Square and steal cigarettes, tobacco, bottle openers, a plum pudding and 10/- in cash, the total value of which was £118. They all pleaded guilty.

Mrs. Patricia Marks, of 130 Blyth Street, Altona, partner with her husband in a shop in Harrington Square, said she closed the premises at 9.30 p.m. on November 24 and returned at 7.30 a.m. the next morning. She found cigarettes and other goods missing and the back door was forced open. The total value of the goods stolen was £118.

Detective Sheather, of North Melbourne, said he was at the police station on November 25 when Cutajar was brought in. They searched his car and found cigarettes and tobacco in it. Asked where they came from, Cutajar said he, John and Norman had broken into a milk bar in Altona the day before. They broke in the back door by using a screw driver. They all broke in as the door was hard to force. They intended selling the goods as they were broke. He later interviewed Fitini at Boyd Street and found a number of cigarettes under the bed. Fitini admitted they came from the breaking.

Alamengo went into the police station himself and told them about his part in it. He said he sold some of the cigarettes at North Melbourne to men in the streets and clubs. He got a pound out of it. He was broke and not working.

Cutajar admitted two previous convictions for larceny, illegal use of cars and larceny of car parts. He was sentenced to three months imprisonment and Fitini and Alamengo to two months.

FAILED TO KEEP TO THE LEFT

Robert Hassard, of Nicholson Street, Footscray, was fined £10 with £1/15/- costs for failing to keep to the left practicable. A further case of driving carelessly was dismissed.

James Guy, of Oxford St., Newport, said on August 21, he was driving in Kororoit Creek Road and had almost reached the bend in the road by the Hostel when he saw a car coming towards him. He started to swing to the right to follow the road and the other car reached the bend and just kept coming towards him, instead of swinging to the left with the road. He swung to the right to try and avoid collision, but the car struck the near side of his truck. He went into a cyclone fence and when he stopped he saw the car had apparently spun around and was standing about 60 or 70 feet across in a paddock.

FINED £10 OVER HIS TRUCK

Douglas Noel Pratt, of Queensville Street, West Footscray, was fined £5 for failing to have his load secure and £5 for driving an unroadworthy truck.

First Constable H. Rowe said he followed Pratt in Kororoit Creek Road on October 15, and dirt and stones kept falling from the truck.

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Instruction was given by Sister Scott of the Altona Hospital and the tests taken by Sister Scott and Scott and Sister Bradshaw, of the Williamstown Hospital.

EXCURSION

Grade VI. girls went on an excursion last Wednesday to the Werribee Research Farm. They were conducted around the farm by a public relations guide and given details of various experiments in progress.

CUBS AND SCOUTS

Last Friday night 1st Altona Scouts held a "Going Up" ceremony, when John Fairway and Peter Tyrell were taken into seniors.

Invested to the senior scouts was Ivan Neale. During the evening badges were presented to David Bradshaw, 1st Class, Peter Euntin and Bruce Grant, Athletics.

Three senior scouts attended the Fifth Melbourne Gathering Weekend, held at Taggerty, in the Cathedral Ranges. They participated in rock climbing, river crossing, estimation tests, rescuing, rope work of many kinds and commando tactics. 1st Altona came fourth in "Operation Impossible". All had a wonderful time, and considerable experience was gained. Boys say thanks to Dick Bradshaw for making this trip possible.

ELDERLY CITIZENS' CLUB NOTES

Progress total of the Elderly Citizens' Building Appeal is £363/5/3, which includes £100 for the Elderly Citizens Social Club (this is their second donation of £100).

£25 has been received from PRA and £20 from the Rotary Club of Altona, plus £7 from the sale of bricks.

Scholarship Awards

ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Scholarships donated by Petroleum Refineries (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and Australian Carbon Black were presented to the successful Altona Primary School scholars on Tuesday last.

The school was assembled on the front lawn. In addition there was a good representation of parents, members of the Mothers' Club and school committee and from local industry.

Mr. G. Trevaud, the head teacher, thanked his staff for their co-operation during the year. He regretted that as a number would be transferring from the school their loss would be felt, particularly that of Mrs. Ashworth.

President of Altona Shire, Cr. G. den Dulk, in a brief speech, addressed himself mainly to the children, who listened with interest.

Mr. E. Bertram, president of the school committee, in his remarks farwelled the Grade VI. children now going to higher schools.

Mr. Peter Parkin, general manager of PRA, stressed the advances made in modern times and the ever-present need of education to help direct them.

Scholarships were presented to Carol McDonald and Peter Fortune on behalf of PRA by Mr. Parkin;

Mr. Scott, of ACB, presented scholarships to Mary Sarros and Martin Stafford.

Carol McDonald and Martin Stafford thanked PRA and ACB for their generous gifts.

The school song and Christmas Carols were rendered by the school choir under Mr. V. C. Joyce, with Mrs. Moriarty accompanying.

At the close of the ceremony afternoon tea was served by the Mothers' Club.

ALTONA EAST STATE SCHOOL

Eight scholarships were presented to students of Altona East State School today, Thursday, by representatives of organisations and companies who made the scholarships possible.

Shirley Hayes and Tomy Heiler each won a scholarship valued at £12, donated by PRA.

Patricia Selleck and George Lott won the two valued at £10 each, donated by Australian Carbon Black Pty. Ltd.

Paivi Sakala and Dominic Lombardo won £5 scholarships donated by R. J. Gilbertson Pty. Ltd.

Christine Gialamatis won a £5 scholarship provided by the school Mothers' Club and the other one of £5 was shared by Rainer Sans and Frank Calabro.

The Mothers' Club provided a Christmas treat for the children this afternoon.

With the end of the school year in sight pupils have been busy with tours. Grade VI. visited the museum last Tuesday. Grade V. will go on a conducted tour of Essendon tomorrow, Friday.

A former teacher, Mr. Davis, who started the school recorder band, will be bringing the band from the Maidstone State School over to play with the Altona East Recorder Band.

The school has had a very successful swimming season with many students winning senior, junior and Herald certificates.

NO DUCKS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES

Ducks shot on the ricefields in New South Wales cannot be brought into Victoria.

In the rice growing areas in New South Wales, property owners can obtain permits to shoot ducks causing economic loss on their lands. Some shoot, believe that ducks shot under these conditions can be legally brought into Victoria.

The Fisheries and Wildlife Department clarified the position today, and warned all shooters that if found with ducks in Victoria, they are committing a breach of the Game Act, which prohibits having ducks in possession during the close season.

The Victorian duck season does not open until February 22, 1964.

DROVE THROUGH THE FLASHING RED LIGHTS

Raymond Cleland, of Walter Street, Footscray, was fined £8 for failing to stop at a flashing red light at the intersection of Kororoit Creek Road and Millers Road, Altona, on September 6, 1963.

"TOUGH GUYS"

We were always under the impression that Scouters were "tough guys." They are taught how to cope with the rigours of outdoor life.

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THANKS FROM WENTWORTH

Recently, parents of Altona Youth Club members were hosts for the weekend of a party of Youth Club members from Wentworth and Mildura.

We thought the hosts would like to read this letter of appreciation sent by the Wentworth Youth Club to the president of the Altona Youth Club.

Dear Mr. Cullen,
As President of Altona Club would you please accept on behalf of Wentworth Youth Club Committee and girls our appreciation for a wonderful stay in Melbourne. Also to all committee members and parents who helped in any way at all.

The girls are still talking about the quote "fabulous time" unquote they had, and we, the Committee, feel we really owe you all a vote of thanks.

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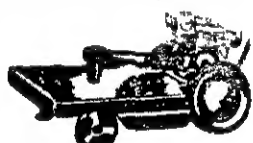
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HANDS UP

In his address of the children at the Altona Primary School, Mr. Parkin, manager of PRA, made an impressive point to many adults present.

He asked the scholars successively if they had a television, refrigerator, telephone or car at their home. And as a further question, if they had ever flown in an aeroplane. The show of hands in each case was so spontaneous as to indicate in most cases an unfeigned answer. It seems in most cases these amenities are regarded as a matter of cause. As the speaker said, the position when their fathers were their age was far different and far more so in the time of their grandfathers.

WORKING MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Work on the foundation stages of the club building on Cresser Reserve is now near completion and structural steel frame work will be commenced next week.

Towards the end of January, 1964, tenders will be called for the brick work.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Seventy-five ladies of the Associate Section attended the monthly meeting on Monday, December 9, in the Church of England Hall.

This was also the Christmas Break-up Party of the Associate Section, with many of the ladies entering into the happy atmosphere of the evening to an excellent program of events organised by the section president, Mrs. Elsie Billings.

Twenty ladies entered for the novelty competition of the evening, "The Best Portrayal of Advertisement." The first prize went to Mrs. Alice Yates for her effective get up depicting "Noon Pies," with Mrs. Elsie Rose a good second with "Briquettes."

An excellent supper was provided by the committee and an enjoyable evening terminated with a sing song. Many thanks to Mrs. Sunderland for her splendid solo effort.

BEACH KIOSK

Friday, December 27, will be another big day for our very active enthusiastic Associate Section. This is the day they open up the Beach Kiosk on Ransome Reserve. We hope the weather is good for them.

Many more volunteers are required for two hours behind the counter any day you are available.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A club membership meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, in the Methodist Hall, Seves Street, at 8 p.m.

This is a specially convened meeting on request by the solicitors to consider certain aspects of club application for registration.

It is absolutely essential to have maximum attendance of members to enact the important business of this meeting. Please note the date and place

INDOOR BOWLS

The final games for the year will be played tonight, Thursday, December 12.

This will be the bowls sections Christmas Break-up Party and novelty evening, so roll up for the final rally of 1963.

THE D.L.P. SAYS ...

(The following article has been contributed to the "Altona Star" by the Lalor Federal Electorate Council of the Democratic Labor Party. C. Meehan, Sec.)

The D.L.P. Leader, Senator Cole, described the election result as "The greatest victory yet achieved by the Democratic Labor Party."

Former A.L.P. Federal Secretary, F. E. Chamberlain, holds the same view.

The DLP polled 404,840 votes in 1961. In 1963 the DLP, on the first figures, polled 371,870 votes, but contested 16 fewer seats. The DLP vote in those seats totalled 32,766 which, added to the 371,870 votes polled on November 30, would make 404,636.

With the additional votes counted since November 30, it is clear that the DLP has gained ground.

In Altona, the DLP vote increased considerably and overall the Lalor DLP vote increased by about 2000.

In New South Wales the DLP picked up a proportional increase of nearly 19 per cent. in the 31 seats it contested.

This election has proved that the predominant "under 35" age group of Australian electors will not have a bar of a notch-potch of neutralism, Pro-Communism and Anti-Americanism that passes for foreign policy.

It is up to the Australian Labor Party to repudiate the Pro-Communist foreign policies adopted at the 1955 Hobart conference, and also throw out the "unity ticket" in industrial elections.

Only then will the ALP gain the DLP preferences which could have given it an additional seven seats in Victoria alone.

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Five girls were successful in gaining their C Grade certificates. They were Gwen Jordon, Marcia Miller, Judy Haley and Beverly Parks.

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JAMES, Pearl. — Loving remembrance of our elder sister (nee Smart), wife of the late Arthur James, mother of Norman and Edna, and Nan of Graham. Passed away on December 15, 1962, in Perth. Inserted for her brothers, William James Smart, A. E. Smart, Brisbane, R. E. Smart, Kensington, and sister Dolly (deceased), by sister-in-law Vida Smart. She was so dearly loved by one and all of us. Lead Kindly Light.

MORTON, In remembrance of our youngest brother, Robert, who passed away so suddenly on December 10, 1962. Husband of Dorothy and father of Jennifer. Treasured memories will remain in our hearts. He has just passed on and left the door ajar.

Inserted by his brothers Stan and Len Morton and only sister Vida Smart.

PUGSLEY, John James. — Passed away December 18, 1957. We always sadly remember. Inserted by wife and family.

WATSON. — In loving memory of my dear wife and mother, passed away December 18, 1962.

Have you with us the same old way
Would be our dearest wish today.
Inserted by her loving husband Bert and daughter Dorothy and family.

WATSON. — In loving memory of Louisa May, darling mother of Margaret, passed away December 18, 1962. Without goodbye you went to sleep.

Loving memories I will always keep.
My Mother.

RICHARDS, John Alton. — In loving memory of my dear Husband and our Father, passed away December 14, 1961. Memories drift to scenes long past.

Time rolls on but memories stay,
Sunshine passes shadows fall,
Love remembrance outlasts all.
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RICHARDS, John Alton. — In loving memory of our dear son and brother, passed away December 14, 1961. Your memory is a keepsake. It's like a thread of gold. Never will it tarnish or grow that least bit old.

His loving mother and father, sisters and brothers.

HARRIS. — Loving memories of dear Mum, passed away December 17, 1959. Beautiful memories, silently kept.

Of one we loved and will never forget.
Loving daughter Peg, son-in-law Bill, Nana of Dianne and Billy.

HARRIS. — Treasured memories of our dear Mum, passed away on December 17, 1959. Marge and Andy.

HARRIS. — Loving memories of Nana, passed away December 17, 1959. Ever remembered. Horrie, Elaine and family.

HARRIS. — In loving memory of Margaret May, passed away December 17, 1959. Always so loving, unselfish and kind.

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Inserted by Mary, Ern and Wendy.

HARRIS, Margaret May. — Passed away December 17, 1959. Loving memories fond and true.

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DEATHS

TAUGGE. — On December 9 (suddenly), Norman Taugge, of 34 Rose Street, Altona, dearly loved husband of Betsy, loved father of Norman and Richard. Late Traffic Officer of Altona Shire. In God's care.

FUNERALS

TAUGGE. — The funeral of the late Mr. N. Taugge, of 34 Rose Street, Altona, will leave Nelson Bros. Chapel, 7 Droop Street, Footscray, today, Thursday, after a service at 1.30 p.m. by the Rev. J. Baillie, for the Western Suburbs Crematorium. Nelson Bros., A.F.D.A., 69-1301.

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J. W. WATERS, F.I.M.A., Shire Secretary.

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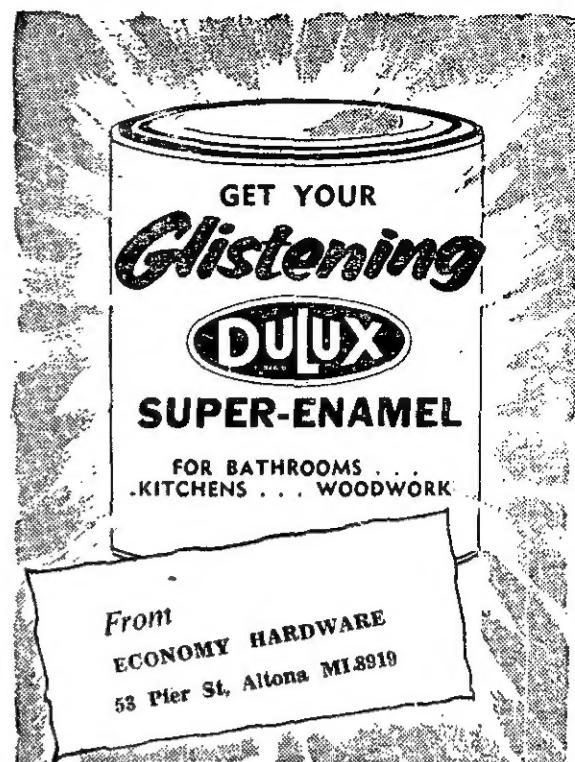
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